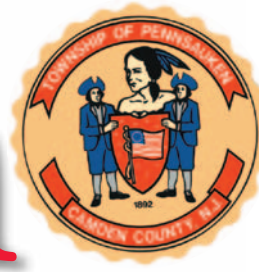


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Ground Breaking Ceremony At PHS Football Stadium On June 8

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

The Pennsauken School District will host a ground breaking ceremony at Pennsauken High School's football field, 800 Hylton Rd. on Friday, June 8, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

"As part of the sweeping changes coming to our District due to the bond referendum, we invite the community to join us as we celebrate the start of the renovations at the high school stadium," says Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, superintendent, Pennsauken School District. "The work being done to the stadium is part of great changes happening that will allow the Pennsauken School District to provide great opportunities for our students."

Following the ground breaking, the field will be accessible to the public; a perfect opportunity to toss the ball around with past players, alumni, and kids. The high school will also be open to walk through, allowing attendees to view the changes happening at the high school, as well as the classrooms for the high school's career technical education programs, revised weight rooms, and more. Afterwards, attendees are invited to the 45th Street Pub, 2545 45th St., Pennsauken, to reminisce about "the good ole' days."

The work at the high school's stadium is part of the bond referendum, passed in March, which will make significant improvements to every public school

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Pennsauken Officers Recognized During National Police Week Awards

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

National Police Week is an annual event that not only honors America's law enforcement community, but also remembers those that lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. And on May 15, National Police Officers Memorial Day and the 31st anniversary of the slaying of Pennsauken Police Officer William F. Brey, the Pennsauken Police Department held a special awards ceremony at the Pennsauken High School auditorium.

"The Pennsauken Police Awards fall into three broad categories named in honor of our fallen brothers. The Richard Dawson Award for Outstanding Performance is given annually; the George Bowman Award is given for professionalism;



On May 15, the Pennsauken Police Department recognized dozens of their officers during their annual National Police Week awards ceremony.

and the William Brey Award is given for valor. Each of those men displayed each of those traits," explains Captain Thomas

Connor of the Pennsauken Township Police Department, who addressed the crowd

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Pennsauken Children Honor Their Role Models

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor



Students throughout Pennsauken wrote about the special people in their lives as part of the "Best Mom, Dad, or Guardian in Pennsauken" essay contest.

A nurse whose shrimp pasta is the best and a big brother serving his country were recognized as very special people in the lives of local students in this year's Best Mom, Dad, or Guardian in Pennsauken essay contest.

Sponsored annually by the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee, children in grades three, four, and five in any Pennsauken public, parochial, or private school submitted letters stating why they believed that their parent, guardian, or special role model is the best. Letters were judged by a panel based on originality, content, and ability to express feelings or

ideas. The top three winners in each category were honored at the Township Committee meeting on May 23.

"Every year, we receive hundreds of submissions. It's a very, very difficult job for all of us to read all these letters and pick the winners," says Elwood Martz, a member of the Youth Action Committee. "We thank all of those who participated in this contest and we congratulate the winners."

The winning Best Mom essay was written by Junell Alvarez about her mother, Raquel, an LPN. "My mom Raquel is the best, and she is always there to help.

"She is loving, and when I'm upset, she

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Browning Road Senior Club

The Browning Road Senior Club invites local seniors to come and meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. Meetings are held at Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 Route 130, Pennsauken at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments are served; there will be a short meeting followed by BINGO. For more information, call Pat at (609) 790-6760.

Merchantville Birthday Celebration

Join in the fun for opening day of Merchantville Market Off Centre with the Borough of Merchantville's 144th Birthday Celebration! Held on Saturday, June 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the event features FREE bounce houses, a magician (sponsored by Merchantville Little League), kids' races and relays, games and competitions, and arts and crafts! The market will host a variety

of local food and craft vendors, with a performance by Buddy Katz at 10:00 a.m. and live music from Heart & Soul. Merchantville's American Legion Post 68 will also hold their second annual PTSD Awareness Walk at 11:00 a.m. and will be represented by numerous service organizations next to Eclipse Brewing.

Ramadhan Dinners

Imam Ali Masjid, located at 5801 Magnolia Ave., is inviting the Pennsauken community to their dinner celebrations during Ramadhan. The dinners run from Sunday, June 3, through Friday, June 15, and start at 9:00 p.m. Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP at <https://doodle.com/poll/pbhyu3ns3mpkwnx>.

PASA

The Pennsauken Alliance on Sub-

stance Abuse (PASA) meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on June 13 at the Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 N. Crescent Blvd. Pennsauken, NJ 08109, at 7:00 p.m. PASA provides programs to increase community awareness about substance abuse as well as prevention programs. The public is invited to attend.

Town Watch

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its next meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 7:30 p.m., at the Pennsauken Police Department, Second Floor. Come learn how to make our community safer. For more information, call (856) 488-0080 ext. 2417.

American Legion

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 will meet on Thursday, June 14, at 7:00 p.m. These monthly meetings are held at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. All veterans who served during qualifying conflicts are welcome to join. The Post has an

Auxiliary Unit which also meets at 7:00 p.m. at the same location. Any ladies who are the spouse or the daughter of a veteran are welcome to join.

Business Networking Event

Businesses Committed To South Jersey (BCSJ) will hold a special networking event on Friday, June 15, 11:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd. Guest speaker will be Heather Simmons, Gloucester County Freeholder and director, University Business Outreach at Rowan University. Pricing ranges from \$35 to \$75, with an option of nine holes of golf following the luncheon. For more information, visit Eventbrite.com and search "BCSJ Luncheon - June 2018 Luncheon & Networking Event."

Chicken Fest

Merchantville Market Off Centre will hold its first annual Chicken Fest on Saturday, June 16. Learn more about raising chickens and growing your own food.

Dr. Molly Hosier from VCA Maple Shade Animal Hospital will be offering tips on chicken health care. The Market is seeking additional vendors with information on selling chicken or products, regional backyard chicken groups, and homesteading concepts that works in accordance with raising chickens (gardening, bee keeping, etc.). There will also be kids' activities and demonstrations. For more info, visit "Merchantville Market Off Centre" on Facebook.

Pilates & Pours

Join Erin Chambers from Real Girl Pilates for Pilates & Pours at Eclipse Brewing, 25 E. Park Ave., Merchantville, on Saturday, June 23 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$20 per person and includes a one-hour pilates class, followed by your choice of one pour or flight of beer. No experience necessary, class is for all levels. Pre-registration required; participants must be 21 years of age or older. For more information, visit Eventbrite.com and search for "Pilates & Pours at Eclipse Brewing."

Community Block Party

Martin Luther Chapel is holding a community block party on Sunday, July 1, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at their school's playground, located on the corner of Baker Ave. and Rt. 130 in Pennsauken. Activities include a bounce house, petting zoo, balloon twisting, face painting, touch-a-construction-vehicle, health fair tables, games, music, free food, free raffles, and more.

Thank You To Pennsauken And Merchantville Fire Departments



Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation would like to thank both the Pennsauken and Merchantville Fire Departments for their invaluable assistance in changing the broken light bulbs at the Walt Nicgroski Sports Complex.

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MAYOR'S**CORNER**

By Jack Killion,
Mayor of
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They say April showers bring May flowers. But it seemed like those showers decided to take April off and make up for lost time last month. Rain totals aside, there were days in May where I didn't think we'd ever dry out, let alone see the sun.

For the most part, having rainy weather isn't a bad thing. However, when it comes to keeping our waterways free of pollution, it can pose a challenge, particularly as we begin to anticipate the summer storms we see in our region on a regular basis. But by working together as a community, we can meet that chal-

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Township Adopts Ordinances to Minimize Pollution of Creeks and Rivers

lenge head on. That's why each year, New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection enlists the help of municipalities just like ours to remind residents and businesses of the importance of keeping all of our town's creeks and rivers pollution-free.

Stormwater runoff is the largest source of water pollution impacting our creeks and rivers. Rainwater that flows down storm drains carries with it anything that is dropped, dumped, blown, or swept into the street. Items such as grass, leaves, oil, fertilizers, pet droppings, and all types of trash and litter will eventually be washed down a storm drain and into one of the creeks and rivers throughout the Township.

How many times have you seen trash

in the street or floating down an inlet? Or found grass clippings strewn along the sidewalk? That trash eventually ends up in a creek or river. Trash, plastic bottles, plastic bags, etc. are visible along the banks of the Delaware River, Cooper River and many smaller creeks throughout the area. Community efforts, like the cleanup of Tippin's Pond in March, continue to be organized to pick up the debris around our local bodies of water, as well as to clean up trash that has been washed down the storm inlets.

It is also the pollutants that you don't necessarily see that also are both a hazard to the cleanliness of our bodies of water and a danger to the marine life that live there. Pet waste, grass, oil, lawn fertilizer, and chemicals all contribute to

the degradation of the water quality.

How Pennsauken Battles Stormwater Pollution

The Township has adopted several ordinances which are intended to stop pollutants from going down the drain in the first place. For example, Pennsauken has had a litter ordinance on the books for many years. It is illegal to dump or drop litter of any kind on public or private property. Stormwater pollution aside, not littering is simply essential for the appearance of the Township and the quality of life of its residents. Too often, we see motorists throw cigarettes into the street, or drop fast food wrappers from the meal they just ate. Not only is it disgusting, it's against the law.

Since trash creates serious problems when washed down an inlet, an ordinance was adopted that requires dumpsters and other trash containers to be covered at all times. This not only stops trash from blowing into the street, but also helps keep liquids from leaching out and getting washed into the storm sewers. We ask Pennsauken businesses to be especially diligent to keep their dumpsters covered and to avoid overfilling them with too much trash. Not only does this help prevent stormwater pollution, but steps like these help to maintain a high quality of appearance for businesses throughout town.

The Township also requires pet owners to clean up after their pet. While

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Pennsauken - Corner Lot

This Cape Cod sits on a 63' X 116' corner lot. The home features a Large Living room, Eat-in-kitchen, three bedrooms, full finished basement. Also, central air, newer windows, a shed and a double car port. All for \$149,900.



Pennsauken - Cozy Brick Cape Cod

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Pennsauken - Collins Tract

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WAGSWORLD The Unbridled Joy Of Summertime Candy Canes

By Bob Wagner,
AAP Columnist

I am sitting in a well known sandwich shop in Medford, killing time before an early evening concert. I came early for a number of reasons. My friend, Jones, is helping run this evening's entertainment. He swears no one can get tickets except at the door and it's quite a small venue. Since I have never been here before, I made sure I found my way plenty early. In addition, the bride is not happy with me today. I am much safer here, hours early, than at home, with the Christmas candy canes. Yes, those same red and white decorations people stick in the lawn.

My candy canes only manage to stay

lit for one season. The following season I cut the wires, separate the canes, and use the unlit ones as fence decorations. I have a fair collection now, even after last year's mid season abduction of five or six canes. But I digress.

Said collection of candy cane decorations currently lean against my house, after lying under a large pile of snow that occurred right after their removal from the front yard a while back. The decorations should probably be put away, but I really like their shiny sparkle; and sometimes, I want to see how far I can go before the bride blows up. Today was the day!

Now, should you wonder how she, the bride, could possibly let this matter go for

so long before reaching the end of her rope, blame the new car.

The new car lives out back, in the driveway, with the cats, where none of the neighbors can bang into it by parallel parking. Because the car is parked out back, the bride uses the back door. Therefore, she rarely sees the front, where the offending candy canes lean peacefully against my house.

But the arrival of summer flowers for the front found the bride face-to-face with the obnoxious candy canes. I believe that my sister, Christine, was also in attendance with the flower delivery, adding yet another layer of humiliation atop the bride's pile.

I planted the flowers, cleaned the new

flower box, and replanted my three-year-old geraniums. I moved the canes at least three times during the process. And just as I was preparing to load the offending canes into my truck for transfer to the garage, my phone rang. After quite a while, while walking and talking, I found myself in the basement. I carved some, on a new cedar project, then meandered upstairs.

Today, the bride awoke before me, made the coffee, then went out front to pick up the paper. It was right there, next to the candy canes.

Lucky for me, the bride has a big sense of humor. Some might even say, enormous. So here I sit, calmly writing this month's column, content in the

knowledge that tomorrow I can make the bride happy. Unless, of course, someone breaks my concentration with a phone call.

As a note of caution to any of you contemplating the purchase of a smart phone: I just learned yesterday that my fancy phone keeps track of my steps, every day. The bride says I should walk between 4,000 and 5,000 steps a day. After what I assumed was quite a vigorous workout and walk this weekend, the bride opened my phone and found I had walked 1,500 steps. Today, after a normal, regular "Wags World" day, I opened my own phone. It equaled 300 steps. I don't like my new phone!

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there's an ordinance in place, this just makes common sense. Pet waste is to be properly disposed of in the trash. For example, when Ellie or I walk our dogs, we make sure we bring a plastic bag to clean up after them. Pennsauken also has the Bow Wow Dog Park at Cooper and Collins avenues. It's a great place to have your dog get some exercise, and receptacles are available there to dispose of pet waste.

With all the wildlife that calls Pennsauken home, from an increase of turkeys to the "interesting" odor we've been getting from skunks, geese and the mess they leave behind continue to be a

problem. When washed into a waterway, their droppings are a source of pollution. And we all know that a flock of geese can leave a lot of droppings behind. While it's difficult to relocate geese, Pennsauken has adopted an ordinance making it illegal to feed them on public property.

Pennsauken's ordinance on improperly disposing of waste materials prohibits anything other than rainwater from going into an inlet. Dumping oil or other unwanted household chemicals into a storm inlet is not only dangerous but also deadly to marine life. Please take advantage of the hazardous waste disposal days that the County has during the year. The next Camden County

household hazardous waste collection event will be on Saturday, June 9, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Camden County College, Gloucester Township, in the parking lot off of Peter Cheeseman Rd. For a list of what you can and can't bring to this event, visit www.camdencounty.com/wpcontent/uploads/files/What%20To%20Bring.pdf.

Remember, pollutants can also be grass, leaves and fertilizers. While some think of these as "organic," they are in fact pollutants to clean water and a danger to aquatic life. In addition, too many leaves raked down a storm inlet can also cause the sewer to clog and possibly result in flooding. Only rainwater should go down a storm drain.

The ordinances mentioned are intended to remind residents and businesses of the need to stop waterway pollution at the source. In addition, the NJDEP has directed municipalities to

start using the new eco-style inlets. These have been appearing all over town. The openings are purposely small enough to stop large debris, such as plastic bottles and soda cans, from being washed into the storm sewer, but allow rainwater to pass through.

In addition to the Township retrofitting the new eco-style inlets, businesses are also required by ordinance to retrofit storm inlets whenever a parking lot needs to be repaved, or the seal coating of a parking area is done.

Pennsauken Township's Highway Department inspects inlets every year and cleans those blocked by debris. However, with over 1,100 inlets throughout the township, the Highway Department cannot always get to them immediately. Cleaning off a storm inlet and placing the debris in a trash container is a way that Pennsauken residents can help keep the environment

clean. This is particularly important in neighborhoods that are prone to street flooding in a heavy rain.

The ordinances discussed in this article can be found in the Stormwater Management section of the Township website: www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/how-pennsauken-township-battles-stormwater-pollution. Specific requirements are included in Chapters 101, Animals; Chapter 197, Litter; Chapter 256, Sewers and Drainage Systems; and Chapter 269, Solid Waste.

While it is important to be aware of the ordinances that the Township has adopted to protect our waterways, it is really up to each one of us to take responsibility for keeping the environment clean. Everyone, whether they are a longtime resident, or a brand new business owner moving into town, has the ability to help in some small way.

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Rowan Paleontologist Explains “Why Dinosaurs Matter” At Library



Paleontologist Dr. Kenneth Lacovara gave a special presentation on his book, “Why Dinosaurs Matter,” at the Pennsauken Free Public Library.

Last month, Dr. Kenneth Lacovara, renowned paleontologist and founding dean of Rowan University’s School of Earth and Environment and director of the Jean and Ric Edelman Fossil Park in Sewell, N.J., gave a special presentation based on his book, “Why Dinosaurs Matter,” at the Pennsauken Free Public Library.

In front of an engaged crowd, Lacovara talked about the many misconceptions about dinosaurs, particularly that these “terrible lizards” died off because they couldn’t evolve.

“In the book, I begin by asking the question, ‘How did dinosaurs become so closely associated with failure?’ If you look up the definition of ‘dinosaur’ in the dictionary, you’ll see the biological definition; that’s always first. Then the second definition always has something to do with failure,” says Lacovara. “I would say when people get called a dinosaur, they should hope to be so lucky. Dinosaurs were on every continent; they were globally dominant in every imaginable, terrestrial environment for 165 million years. That’s not bad.”

Lacovara went on to explain that the dinosaurs didn’t die because they failed to adapt. Instead, they were murdered.

“[Dinosaurs] were doing just fine. And then a space rock, the size of Philadelphia, going 44,000 miles per hour, that’s 25 times the speed of a bullet, hits off the coast of Mexico, and it blows a 120-mile crater in ground by 12 miles deep.”

The resulting debris and particles from that impact, roughly the mass of the state of Massachusetts, is spewed into the upper atmosphere, heating up into “mini fireballs” on the way back down.

“The result is that day, and right now

the argument in geophysics is that the temperatures globally get up to toaster oven for a few hours, or pizza oven for a few minutes. Either way, your dinosaurs are dead.”

But life survives. Fish and small reptiles do very well; plants make it as well. And while in some places, over 90 percent of mammals are killed off, they do survive. Then there are the birds... Dr. Lacovara presented a very interesting fact to the audience: the birds that survived and their ancestors, including fuzzy, little penguins, are actually dinosaurs.

“A fuzzy penguin is a dinosaur. It’s a dinosaur to the same extent that T-Rex is a dinosaur,” says Lacovara. “How can

a little fuzzy penguin be a dinosaur just like T-Rex? Well, common sense is a really poor guide to understanding the universe and always has been. It’s not common sense, but it’s true.

“So you go back 231 million years ago and find the ancestral dinosaur, take 100 percent of its descendants, and that’s the group we call dinosaurs. Look who’s in there: all of the birds. There’s no objective way to cut birds out of this group.”

Finally with the murder of the dominant species; a new group of animals receive a chance to do something other than hide in small, dark spaces hoping not to get noticed – or eaten. Dr. Lacovara gave some thoughts on humanity’s

stint as the dominant species.

“We all relied on a series of trillions and trillions of coincidences and contingencies to have this present that we have today. And now we are the rulers of this next age of Earth history.

“The dinosaurs died in the last great extinction. That was the world’s fifth mass extinction. But now, humans are propagating a sixth extinction. We’re spoiling the environment; we’re warming the planet; we’re raising the level of

the seas; we’re acidifying the ocean and killing off the coral reefs. The question is: ‘Can we do better than the dinosaurs?’ The dinosaurs didn’t see it coming and couldn’t do anything about it. We can.”

Individuals can still purchase an autographed copy of Dr. Lacovara’s book, “Why Dinosaurs Matter,” for just \$10 through the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library. If interested, please e-mail friends@libary@yahoo.com.

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FOR CHILDREN

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This is a program for children in kindergarten through grade six. They will enjoy weekly field trips and visits to the Pennsauken Municipal Pool. Camp is seven weeks from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., June 25 through Aug. 10 at Franklin Elementary, 7201 Irving Ave. Cost is \$135 per week and includes materials, trips and snacks.

Bowling

This exciting camp will be at the amazing Pinsetter Bowling Center on Maple Ave. in Pennsauken. Basic bowling instruction will be provided by qualified instructors and skills competitions for prizes will be held the last day of the camp. The program runs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on July 9-13 and is for kids ages 7-13. The fee is \$45 for the week and includes shoes and ball.

Hip-Hop Dance

Come and join the fun for an introduction to Hip Hop Dance. Learn basic movements in the style of today's popular music for kids ages 6-14. The camp will be from June 25-29, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. for ages 6-10, and from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for ages 11-14. Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. Instruction is by a qualified dance instructor from Ronnie McLaughlin Dance Studio, 198 Church Rd., Merchantville. Cost is \$30 per student.

Ice Skating

The Pennsauken Learn-to-Ice-Skate camp will be held at the Philadelphia Flyers Skate Zone on River Rd. in Pennsauken. Children ages 2-15 will learn basic skating techniques for figure skating or hockey. The program is offered from 8:45 to 10:00 a.m. Aug. 13-17. Cost is \$35 per child. Skates are available for free if needed.

Junior Fire Academy

The Junior Fire Academy will be held at the Bloomfield Fire House, 5301 Lexington Ave. Children ages 12-16 will be introduced to the work of a firefighter and develop the skills of teamwork, time management, and responsibility in a fun and education environment. Attendees will participate in short classroom sessions and complete multiple hands-on activities and field assignments. The academy will be held from July 30 through Aug. 3, 9:00 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday; and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Cost is \$30 per child and includes t-shirt,

hat, all required materials and safety equipment, as well as water, snacks, and refreshments.

Karate

Pennsauken Township and Hwa-Rang Warriors Taekwondo Studio present summer karate at 5043 Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken. The objective of this camp is to use martial arts as a vehicle to build character, self-control, as well as respect for others. Children will receive a white belt on the last day of class. This camp, for children ages 5-13, is from July 23-27. Times are 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. for ages 5-8 and 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for ages 9-13. Cost is \$30 per child.

Learn-To-Golf

Kids ages 7-13 can learn the basic skills of the golf game. The qualified instructor will teach the children about the game, including club selection, course etiquette and the correct club grip. The program will be held at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd., June 25-29 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. The fee for this program is \$30.

Learn-To-Row

Children ages 12-18 will learn the basics of rowing along the Cooper River. Taught by qualified instructors, this program will give participants a taste of rowing on the water. The Learn to Row program will be held at the Camden County Boathouse, 7050 N. Park Dr., Pennsauken. Session I runs from June 18-21; Session II runs June 25-28. Each session is held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$75 per session. Double session discounts will be offered to those who are interested.

Multi-Media Art Creations

Explore an array of mediums in this art class that includes clay, fiber, paper, jewelry, and found objects. We will pick a theme for the week upon which our works will be created. Individual expression will be highly encouraged. This class is all about thinking outside the box. Class will be held at the Pennsauken Municipal Building Meeting Room July 23-27 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The fee for this one week program is \$45. For kids ages 7-13.

Police Youth Week

The Pennsauken Police Department is hosting an exciting week of education, awareness, and training for local children ages 12-15 interested in a career in public service. Held at the Pennsauken Police Department, 2400 Bethel Ave., the program

covers various aspects of the policing profession. The class runs from July 23-27, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$45. Space is limited—only 25 recruits will be accepted—and completed applications must be returned by June 15.

Sports

The Ike Willis Sports Camps are sponsored by the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department and will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Camps are open to all Pennsauken and Merchantville children ages 7-15. The dates for each program are as follows: Field Hockey or Soccer—June 25-29; Basketball—July 9-13; Tennis—July 16-20; Baseball and Softball—July 23-27. Cost is \$35 per week and each child receives a T-shirt at the end of each camp. Field Hockey, Soccer, and Basketball Camps will be at the Pennsauken Middle School on Park Ave. Tennis Camp will be held at the Green Top Tennis Court on River Rd. Baseball and Softball Camps will be at the Softball Complex behind the Pennsauken Police Station on Bethel Ave.

Swimming

Pennsauken Township will offer a learn-to-swim program for children ages 5-11 at the Municipal Pool, 6100 River Rd. Dates for morning sessions are June 26-28 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.; dates for evening sessions are June 19-21 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The fee for this program is \$20 per child for all three days, morning or evening sessions. All instructors are certified lifeguards and CPR certified. The goal of this camp is to teach children the proper swim strokes and for kids to learn to respect water and not fear it.

Theater

The annual and very popular Creative Theater Class returns again from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on July 30-Aug. 3 at the Delair School on Derousse Ave. Children, ages 7-14, will learn stage movement, vocal projection, character study and improvisational games. They will create their own story and perform it on video for friends and family on the last day of class. The cost is \$50 for the week; the program is operated by the Pennsauken Youth Summer Theater Program.

FOR ADULTS

Adult Horseshoe Program

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petition. All Pennsauken residents are welcome to participate from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays behind the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. For additional information call Mike at (856) 488-5325, Al at (609) 220-0596 or the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department at (856) 665-1000 ext. 151.

Free Adult Tennis Lessons

Tennis lessons for Pennsauken adults 18 and up will be held at the green top tennis courts on River Rd. The classes will be from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. during July. Exact dates are to be announced. Space is limited, so don't delay. Instruction will be provided by a qualified tennis instructor.

Learn-To-Swim

If there is enough interest, there will be an adult learn-to-swim program for beginners and those who would like to work on breathing and stroke. Call the Parks and Recreation Department for details.

FOR FAMILIES

Join The Municipal Pool

The Parks and Recreation Department has begun accepting membership applications and fees for the 2018 pool season. The Municipal Pool, located at 6100 River Rd., is open to Pennsauken and Merchantville residents only and all applicants must provide a photo ID, current utility bill and birth certificate and report card for children. The pool opens 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekends only beginning on May 26. Starting June 16, the pool will be open from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. daily. Pool fees and other information are available through the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department.

TO REGISTER

Registration for most summer programs is ongoing at the Pennsauken Municipal Building, Rt. 130 and Merchantville Ave. Forms are available at the municipal building from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Program listings and downloadable registration forms are available at the Township web site: www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/summer-programs. For more information, contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us or (856) 665-1000 ext. 151.

Volunteers Needed For Community Organizations

Pennsauken Township is seeking community volunteers for both the Pennsauken Green Team and the Pennsauken Shade Tree Commission.

The Pennsauken Green Team consists of residents and municipal employees who have a strong interest in the environment and who work towards making Pennsauken Township more sustainable. The Green Team focuses on reaching environmentally-conscious benchmarks from Sustainable Jersey, a certification program for municipalities

in New Jersey that want to go green, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term.

The purpose of the Pennsauken Shade Tree Commission is to develop a program of tree planting and overall beautification and to regulate, plan, care and control the shade and ornamental trees and shrubberies on our streets, highways, public places, parks and parkways. The commission supplies an approved list of various trees to assist our residents in choosing curbside speci-

mens that work best for their situation. Any curbside tree not on the list must be preapproved by the Shade Tree Commission.

Interested parties are asked to fill out the online form at www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/want-volunteer. Be sure to select "Boards and Commissions" in the "How I'm Interested In Volunteering" section and include the specific organization in the "Please Provide Additional Info" field.

Woman's Club's Merchantville Tappers Win Competition

In March, members of the Women's Club of Merchantville competed in a performing arts competition for the Garden District in Penns Grove/Carneys Point. The dance troupe, known as the Merchantville Tappers, won the competition and were invited to perform on stage at the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City last month for the New Jersey State Convention of Women's Clubs.

The members of the group, seen in the accompanying photo, are from left to right, Marty Wiggins, Connie Potenza,

Suzie Wagner, Jean Davis, Johan Hughes, Helen Piccoli, Maryann Snyder, Marleen O'Donnell, and Sandy Biazzo. Not pictured is Jesse Colsey.

To see a video of the Merchantville Tappers' performance, tune into Channel 19 Pennsauken Television or PennsaukenTV.com.



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Fire Departments To Speak At June 13 PMAC Luncheon

Merchantville Fire Chief Kevin Patti and Captain Daniel Kerr of the Pennsauken Township Fire Department will be the guest speak-

ers at the networking luncheon of the Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce, held on Wednesday, June 13. Members and attendees are reminded that this month's meeting is being

held at the Merchantville Country Club, 501 Chapel Ave.

Both Chief Patti and Captain Kerr will be speaking about government services, specifically on the fire code enforce-

ment procedures and requirements of the New Jersey Uniform Fire Safety Act. Captain Kerr will also be highlighting the advantages of shared services between the Township of Pennsauken and the Borough of Collingswood for fire code and property maintenance code enforcement.

Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. on June 13, with the meeting starting at noon. Admission is \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members. Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. to Nancy Ellis at (856) 438-0833 or pmac1team@gmail.com by Monday, June 11.

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Zoning Board of Adjustment
Wednesday, June 6 and 20

Planning Board
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 5 and 26

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Pennsauken Manufacturer Grows, Rebrands In Town

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

In 1983, Beef International first opened its doors in Pennsauken as a high-quality manufacturer of roast beef. Since then, the company has grown into a custom manufacturer of premium meat products, both beef and pork, serving retail, food service and institutional markets worldwide. To continue to foster business growth, stand out in a competitive market, and be environmentally responsible, the company has significantly invested in capital improvements and rebranded as B.I. Foods.

"We didn't want to lose the recognition from a 35-year history as a beef manufacturer, but we also wanted to come full circle to let our customers know that we're not just beef anymore," explains Tom McMillen, vice president of sales and marketing for B.I. Foods.

"[This investment] shows our commitment to the product line, to the area, and to the employees," adds Kevin Ingraldi, president of B.I. Foods. "We're committed to putting out a high end product that our customers expect."

The launch of the new company name follows \$3 million worth of capital improvements, serving to modernize production, with increases in automation and overall efficiency. Recent investments include computer and technology updates, a production room remodel, and the replacement of 14 ovens, which helped significantly reduce water and gas consumption.

"The necessity to modernize was to accommodate the need growing customers and growing items," adds McMillen. "We also wanted to make

changes to the plant to be more green and more efficient. These improvements will help us to stay in front of the curve and the competition."

B.I. Foods is also making the move to retail with its Chef Well Select and Chef Well Foods brands, diversifying its portfolio by offering consumer products that would be found in delis and supermarkets. The company begins making presentations on these new offerings this month, with shoppers potentially finding these items in the refrigerated cases within a year.

Business growth isn't just relegated to new equipment and expanding product lines. B.I. Foods recently hired five new employees, three of which are Pennsauken residents. And as the company continues to grow, there will be a need for additional local talent to meet growing customer demands, right here in town.

"The company originally started in 1983. This is where we grew it," explains Ingraldi. "I like the area. I like the people working here. We've decided to keep on growing it here."

Supervisor Needed

B.I. Foods is looking for an eager supervisor that is experienced in ready-to-eat food processing in a production environment. A high school diploma is required, but an associate degree or higher is helpful. Applicants must have at least one year supervisory experience in food processing in a production plant environment. Qualified applicants can send their resume to Blengyel@beefinternational.com.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Janice Arcaini lived in Pennsauken for 23 years, growing up on Bethel Ave. right by the MPWC water tower. She went to Franklin Elementary, played softball for P.Y.A.A., and was in chorus through Junior High. A member of Pennsauken High School's graduating class of 1983, she met her future husband, Al, in the school's hallways. And after getting her degree, she returned to the Pennsauken School District in 1988 as a teacher.

"Mr. Phifer was superintendent when I started," says Arcaini. "I worked for Mr. Taylor, who was principal at Fine School at the time. When my kids helped set up my room during the summer, they'd go to Mr. Taylor's office and he'd give them candy."

And after 30 years of serving the Pennsauken community as an educator,

Pennsauken Native, Teacher Retiring After Thirty Years

Janice will be retiring when school ends on June 19.

"I wanted to teach in the town that I was from born and raised in," explains Janice. "It turned out to be a wonderful thing for the last 30 years."

During our discussion, Arcaini reflected on her career: her many years of service as a basic skills reading teacher; moving into a regular education classroom setting; teaching under principals like Mr. Taylor, Mardi Gibbons, and Ros Lawrence. It's definitely the people and the students she'll miss the most.

"There are a lot of friendships that I've made with so many teachers over the years. I worked in people's class-



Arcaini

rooms of people who had taught me; they were now my colleagues. There are so many families I've had relationships with, so many kids I've seen grown and come back and get jobs in the District.

"I'm leaving a lot of teachers, friends that I loved to work with. I will miss working with my children. I'll miss working with my colleagues on a daily basis. I feel that my career was very rewarding in Pennsauken. It was the town that I grew up in and loved so very much."

While the decision to retire was difficult, Janice will be enjoying some much deserved time off.

"When the first day of school starts in September, I'll think I'll have my feet in the sand in Ocean City that day," says Arcaini.

Students Thank Retiring Crossing Guard For Fifty Years Of Service

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Recently, students from Roosevelt School took time during their JDRF Walk to thank retired crossing guard Laura Mason for her 50 years of service to Pennsauken school children. Mason was greeted with cheers, signs, flowers, and plenty of hugs.

"I loved it. I didn't mind the snow; I didn't mind the rain," says Mason. "Not too long ago, there was a really bad rain, the kind where you can hardly see. A truck driver goes by and says, 'Where's

your umbrella?' I said, 'I don't shrink and I'm waterproof.'"

Mason, who has helped "cross" generations of families on their way to school, is going to miss the special joy she received from the children in her care.

"They tell you funny stuff. And seeing them helped me get up in the morning, it got me out."

Thank you Laura for your many years of service to the Pennsauken community.



Students from Roosevelt School showed their appreciation for crossing guard Laura Mason, who recently retired after 50 years of service to Pennsauken's children.

Pennsauken's Harmon Turns One Hundred This Month

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

On June 4, 2018, Thelma Harmon of Pennsauken turns 100 years young.



On June 4, Pennsauken's Thelma Harmon reaches the Century Mark.

"I don't know what I did to reach this age," says Harmon, who has lived at the Lutheran Senior Home since 2008. "I guess the Lord ain't ready for me."

Thelma was born in Wattsville, Va. in 1918 and lived there until she was 17, when she came to Philadelphia to live with her aunt and pursue better work opportunities. Harmon worked for a clothing manufacturer for many years, helping to make both men's and boys' clothing. And while she will be the first to admit she has lived a "nice, quiet life," Thelma has made quite an impact on her family. She raised two children, has three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She even looked after her grand niece for several years.

"I worked and took care of my family. I helped nieces and nephews and their

children. It wasn't exciting," says Harmon.

And while it's true that it wasn't exciting, taking care of the people you care about is extremely worthwhile. So while there's no excitement, having a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother like Thelma is pretty special.

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SENIORCORNER Free Golf Lessons For Camden County Seniors In Pennsauken

By Sonny DiSabato,
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors. The Camden County Golf Academy is excited to host free golf lessons for seniors. The spring

sessions will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in June at 10:00 or 11:00 a.m.

Class sizes are limited and on a first come, first served basis so please register early. Register online at sparkcreative.wufoo.com/forms/z1lw9y8z0wlksq/ or

print out the registration form at CamdenCounty.com and mail to the Camden County Division of Events and Community Outreach, 1301 Park Blvd., Cherry Hill, NJ. 08002. For more information, contact Tom Castellano by calling (856)

858-2986 or e-mailing tom.castellano@camdencounty.com.

Summer Safety For Seniors

Summer fun is right around the corner, but it also can pose some challenges for seniors.

Excessive hot and humid weather can be extremely tough on older people. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 61 percent of heat related deaths occur in Americans 55 years or older. Normally, the body has several ways to keep itself cool. Sweating is the most important of these; but as people grow older, their ability to sweat decreases. Seniors also tend not to get as thirsty, so they drink less water, which decreases sweating even further.

In addition, older people often take medications that interfere with sweating, such as antihistamines, certain tranquilizers, and heart and blood pressure medications. It's important to speak with your physician about how medications can affect your ability to stay cool.

Seniors can protect themselves during hot weather by following some common sense tips to help keep cool:

- Stay hydrated; drink plenty of non-alcoholic and non-caffeinated beverages
- Eat a light, but well-balanced diet
- Wear appropriate clothing (light-weight, light-colored, and loose fitting) when headed outside; also make sure to put only plenty of sun block
- Pace yourself with both outdoor and indoor activities
- Stay cool indoors; find an air conditioned place to stay for a few hours
- Take a cold shower or bath
- Schedule outdoor activities carefully; the sun's rays are the most damaging between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- Use the buddy system while working in the heat; keep a good eye on your "buddy" to make sure they don't get overheated

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GRAYMATTERS

A Month's Worth Of Celebrations, Including One In Particular

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

June columns are always so predictable: graduations, weddings, and the kick off for summer vacation fun. So, far be it for me to give you same old same old. And, in actuality, if I did, it would short change a pretty interesting month.

As we start off, June 1 brings us "Donut Day." Personally, any month that celebrates a donut is alright by me! June 1 also recognizes "Heimlich Maneuver Day," which could be more than just a coincidence if you eat too many donuts on the first.

June 2 is "Turtle Races Day," so if you have nothing else at all to do that day, go for it.

On the third, we are celebrating "Wonder Woman Day." I'm personally taking the day off. Ya' gotta' know who you are.

June 4 is "National Thank God It's Monday Day!" Are you wondering what happens when June 4 doesn't fall on a Monday? Me too. I'll get back to you on that one.

The fifth of June is "Baby Boomers Recognition Day." Get out there and enjoy it, Boomers, we're not gettin' any younger! "National Moonshine Day" is also celebrated on the fifth, so that might ease the pain of being a Boomer just a wee bit. These things certainly don't coincide accidentally, do they?

Let's skip ahead. June 9 is "World Bike Naked Day," as well as "Worldwide Knit and Crotchet in Public Day." Seriously, folks, if you can ride your bike buck naked on the ninth, you should feel

no shame whatsoever about knitting or crocheting in public.

Other days to mark on your calendar are: "National Bourbon Day" on the 14th, followed by "National Flip Flop Day" on the 15th. "Hike with a Geek Day" is celebrated on the 20th; and if bring your Kentucky Bourbon along for the hike and wear your flip flops, all the better, so I'm told.

Then, there's "Global Smurfs Day" and "Stupid Guy Thing Day," both held on the 22nd, followed closely by "Pink Flamingo Lawn Ornament Day" on the 23rd. You can't make this stuff up! And heaven knows I've tried.

Now, other than our usual celebratory days - Flag Day on June 14, Father's Day on June 17, and the Summer Solstice on June 21 - there's one last "day" I feel the need to mention, and it's on June 26. It's "National Columnists Day."

Maybe I should repeat myself. Why not? It's "National Columnists Day!"

And, just in case, there might be the slightest chance our editor-in-chief, Frank Sinatra, is reading this... I do believe there's a two-pound box of chocolate truffles over at Aunt Charlotte's that has my name written all over it. You know, the "columnist," Judith Kristen.

Just sayin'.

Peace and love and many happy celebrations to one and all!

From the AAP "columnist," Judith Kristen.

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Phifer Students Raise Funds For Local Non-Profit

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

As part of Down Syndrome Awareness Month, students from Phifer Middle School helped raise funds for a local non-profit with a connection to the school.

Down 2 Dance is an organization founded by Kenny and Josie Thomas, owners of The Level Dance Complex on Rt. 130 in Pennsauken, after their son, Kristian, was born with Down Syndrome. The Thomas' older daughter attends eighth grade at Phifer Middle School.

"We want people with Down Syndrome to have the opportunity to come and learn dance," say Kenny. "Whether they have dreams to become a dancer or just to have another outlet and have fun, we want them to be able to do that."

During Down Syndrome Awareness

Day, Down 2 Dance gave a series of presentations to students at Phifer Middle School. In conjunction with the event, students could give a \$1 donation to wear jeans for the day. The opportunity to dress down raised over \$500, which was donated to the local non-profit.

"It really means a lot to us. We're glad to be given the opportunity to come out to educate the kids," says Josie. "A lot of them don't know what Down Syndrome is. We thank Principal Honeyman for allowing us to share our story."

"We're extremely proud of our students, as they raised the lion's share of the money," explains Thomas Honeyman, Phifer principal. "More kids need to be aware of Down Syndrome. I have a niece who has it; she is an amazing girl. People with Down Syndrome have a very special place in the world."



Phifer Principal Thomas Honeyman presents Kenny and Josie Thomas, founders of the non-profit Down 2 Dance, a check for over \$500. Students raised the majority of the funds to help the Pennsauken-based organization create special opportunities for individuals with Down Syndrome.

Board of Education Meeting

The Pennsauken Township Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, June 11, 6:30 p.m. at Pennsauken High School, Room #327, 800 Hylton Rd., Pennsauken, N.J. 08110. The public is invited to attend.

Prior to the meeting, Dr. Tarchichi will hold the monthly "Coffee and Conversation with the Superintendent" from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the main office area of the high school. During this time, parents or residents can come and ask questions regarding any topic within the school district.

Carson English Language Learners Share Earth Day Lessons

By Mrs. Davis, ESL Teacher, Carson School

We are so excited to share that in honor of celebrating Earth Day, we sang a song called, "In Our World" to other classes at Carson School. We have learned that plants and animals are important in our world and we are all con-

nected to one another. Animals as little as bees and butterflies and as big as elephants and whales; we all share the same planet. We are enjoying this beautiful spring and helping to make our Earth even more beautiful!



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

By Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi,
MEd², M.S., M.B.S., Ed.D.,
Superintendent,
Pennsauken Public Schools

As the 2017-18 school year comes to an end, I would like to thank the teachers, administrators, parents, staff, and community members that worked so diligently this year for Pennsauken and its students. This year was a historic year in Pennsauken and we could not have done this without you. The work you put in shows how much you care for this community, the school district and its students.

Please remember, we will be sending letters out regarding plans and time needed to complete the initiatives you voted for in March's bond referendum. As we begin projects and complete construction initiatives that you will see this

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summer, we will keep the community abreast of all changes and modifications.

I look forward to the changes our families will see next year, such as full day pre-k, new vocational and academic programs, Friday night lights at the stadium this fall, and the work being done to help Pennsauken become the model district of New Jersey. Because of your support, Pennsauken Public Schools are continuously building educational opportunities for students academically, vocationally, and athletically. Again, I truly believe we have some of the brightest minds and best athletes our country has to offer; please join us as we positively enhance this wonderful and powerful school district.

Lastly, as the school year comes to an end, student learning does not have to stop. Please remember that summer enrichment will begin this July and will give

students an opportunity to excel in their studies for the following year. A few seats are still available for our young minds and competitors in Pennsauken to grow intellectually and athletically; please visit Pennsauken.net for more details. Our goal is to give all of our students the opportunities and guidance in order to become productive and cheerful scholars in post-secondary education or apprentices in their careers.

Spend Time With The Super

Please join me for "Coffee and Questions with the Superintendent," taking place this month on Monday, June 11, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. before that night's school board meeting at the main office area of Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd. This is a time where concerned parents or Pennsauken residents can come and ask questions regarding any topic within the school district.

High Schoolers Carpe Diem At Pennsauken High School



The New Jersey Junior Classical League held this year's state convention at Pennsauken High School. Latin students from across the state came together to share their love of the language and civilization of ancient Rome.

Phifer Students Destined For Greatness



Phifer Middle School recognized students "Destined for Greatness" for the month of April. Congratulations to Jazmyn Delgado, Angel Hernandez Mejia, Brianna Nguyen, Brian Harrell, Lianna Tran, Camtu Thach, Marion Saffa, Kevin Medina, Joseph Arroliga, John Nguyen, Vy Do, and Aaron Le.

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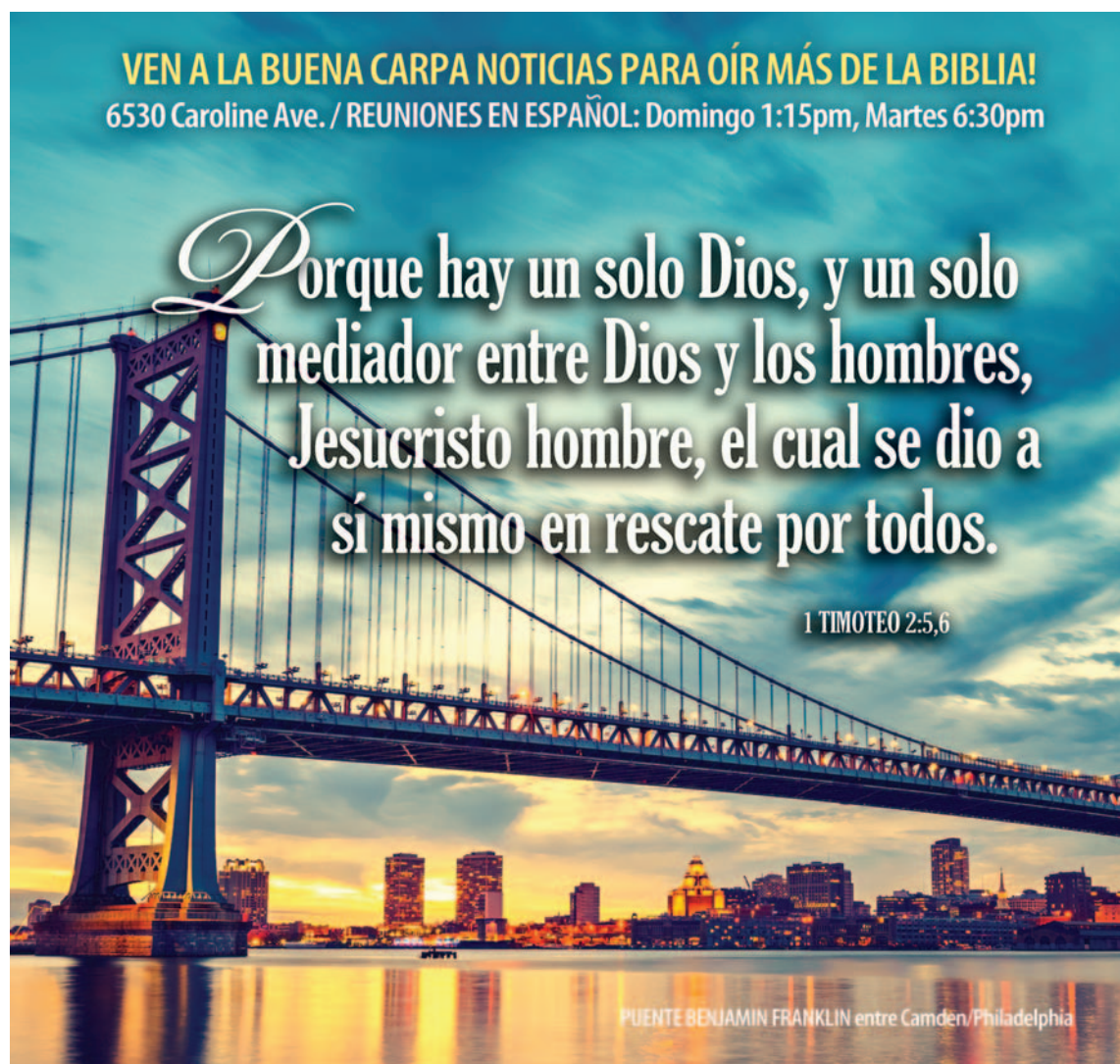


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Pennsauken High School's Yourison Recognized As All-Star Teacher

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Last month, the Philadelphia Phillies held their 18th annual Teacher Appreciation Night. Prior to the game, the Phillies organization honored 10 All-Star Teachers, who were nominated by an essay from a current or former student. Kevin Yourison, an AP United States History teacher at Pennsauken High School, was recognized by his former student, Madina Talebi.

"What could I possibly say about Kevin J. Yourison that could adequately capture what a phenomenal teacher he has been to every student who has ever entered his classroom?" wrote Madina in her essay. "Interacting with Mr. Yourison in both an academic capacity in class and on a level where we are both putting forth our best efforts to better community and school climate has shown me that he is genuinely an All-Star, in every sense of the word."

"I was very thankful to Madina and to the Phillies for picking her essay," says Yourison. "It's humbling."

Yourison is in good company at PHS.

In the last ten years, six high school teachers from Pennsauken have been recognized as All-Star Teachers: Maryanne Snyder, Joshua Kates, Frank Stepnowski, Billy Snyder, Edward Trautz, and Yourison. In addition, teachers Jonathan Nguyen and Kevin Jeffers received honorable mention from the Phillies during this time frame.

"I'm honored to be listed with those great teachers," says Yourison. "This recognition is certainly something we're proud of as a school."

Kevin went on to say that there are plenty of Pennsauken teachers deserving of this type of honor; teachers that push their students and are passionate in making a difference in the lives of young people. It's this type of commitment by countless teachers in the District that inspire students to put pen to paper, or type out an essay on a keyboard, highlighting many more All-Star Teachers from Pennsauken for years to come.

A special thank you to Frank Stepnowski for providing important details for this article.

Carson Creates "Multiplication And Division Wizards"

During the 2017-2018 school year, Ms. O'Brien's class has been working on knowing their multiplication and division facts fluently. Both Ms. O'Brien and Ms. Eckert utilized various hands on activities to help the children to become successful mathematicians.

In order to become "Multiplication and Division Wizards," the students needed to earn five perfect scores on their weekly quizzes. As of the beginning of April, the following students are the "Wizards": Jaden Huynh, Carlos Andujar, Ashely Cabrera-Ortega, Jennifer Berrios, Layla Parker, Roselyn Texcucano, and Jainique Moss.



"Multiplication and Division Wizards" at Carson Elementary School.

Enjoying Computer Fun At Longfellow



Ms. Doyle's class at Longfellow enjoys working on one of their favorite programs during Mr. Vega's computer class.

High School Performers Help Keep Spirit Of Memorial Day



Pennsauken High School vocalist Eva Ray and trumpet player Carlos Acevedo gave inspiring patriotic performances during Pennsauken Township's Memorial Day ceremony last month.

PHS Marching Band Holds "Dinner And Movie" Fundraiser

The Pennsauken High School Apache Marching Band is holding a special "Dinner and Movie" fundraiser on Saturday, June 30, 6:30 p.m., at Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd.

This family-friendly event is just \$10 per person. Admission includes a platter of Spanish rice, baked chicken, mixed salad, and refreshments. Popcorn, candy and raffle tickets will be for sale. The movie will be in the school's band room.

All proceeds help sponsor the 2018 marching band season.

For more information, visit "PHS Apache Band Boosters - Parents Page" on Facebook.

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Teachers Recognize Students For Positive Core Values

Each month, teachers from schools throughout the Pennsauken School District will select a student to be honored at the monthly Board of Education meetings. These students recognized through the "Teachers' Choice Awards" show one or more of the following "Medal of Honor" core values: commitment, courage, integrity, patriotism, citizenship, or sacrifice. The teacher or educator who awards each student will write a short paragraph explaining why they were chosen and how they exhibited these core values. Students are presented with a superhero pen and their parent/guardian will be presented with a bouquet of flowers. All funding for this program is provided through PRIDE in

Public Education, and the Pennsauken Education Association.

The students recognized in April were: Carlos Barreto, Burling; Joseabraham Cisneros, Carson; Kaden Overton, Delair; Magaly Popoca Felix, Fine; Felix Torres, Franklin; Rachel Beihl, Longfellow; Julianne Reilly, Roosevelt; Alexsy Santiago, Intermediate; Moncerrath Popoca, Phifer; and Eva Ray, PHS.

The students recognized in May were: Summer Holmes, Burling; Tadeo Lopez-Escobar, Carson; Aydan Thach, Delair; Jonathan Roman, Fine; Lexxi Torres, Franklin; Tyler Hun, Longfellow; Alex Cornejo-Bermo, Roosevelt; Preston Beckley, Intermediate; Logan Endes, Phifer; and Medina Talebi, PHS.

Pennsauken Board Of Education Recognizes High School Students

The Pennsauken Board of Education recently recognized high school seniors Serenity Sanders and Terrence Phillips as students of the month.

Serenity has a GPA of 4.675, is the Latin Club's state convention coordinator, treasurer of the S.A.D.D. Club, and is a member of the African American Culture Club, gospel choir and marching band. Serenity has been inducted into the Latin Honor Society, is a Renaissance Gold Card member, a Big Deal Award recipient and a veteran essay winner. She has volunteered for the school open house, reading buddies at the Pennsauken Free Public Library and has been a blood drive donor. Rider

University is where Serenity will be attending next year. She will major in psychology and possibly have a double major in communications.

Terrence has a GPA of 4.17, is a member of the football, basketball, and track teams, and is on the African American Culture Club. He is in the Touchdown Club, Academic Team and has been the recipient of both the Gruden Grinder and a Few Good Men Award. Terrence has applied to Salisbury University, Susquehanna University, and Bucknell University. He plans on studying either business or engineering.

Congratulations to these great students!

Vocal Music Happenings At Pennsauken High School

By Kathryn Brown,
PHS Vocal Music Director

Our talented students from Pennsauken High School have had a very busy spring, filled with amazing performances!

Seven PHS students were accepted this year to perform at the world-renowned Carnegie Hall in New York City with the National Festival Chorus. With three days of intense rehearsals with Drs. Tim and Sandra Peter from Stetson University, they prepared an advanced program of art songs, Broadway, and classical music.

Congratulations to Niambi Fetlow, Eva Ray, David Charris, Hailey Eisenhowerh, Yulia Abou Harb, Jenairy Gonzalez, and Tatiana Gonzales.

The cast of the all-school musical, "Pippin," performed at the New Jersey Theatre Festival, sponsored by iTheatrics, a national theatre development program. Niambi Fetlow, David Charris, and Alexander Duong were honored as all stars.

Pennsauken High School's concert choir, Double Dozen, children's theatre, and the gospel choir entertained young and old alike at the annual spring concert. Graduating seniors and other awards were presented, as well as new announcements on brand new courses to the music department and many exciting new opportunities for voice and theatre students!

We are so excited for the coming school year and we are looking forward to sharing these programs with the Pennsauken community!



By the Pennsauken Board of Education: Nick Perry, President; Diane Johnson, Vice President; Michael Bortnowski; Cheryl Duffy; Michael Hurley; Maria James; Orlando Viera; JoAnn Young; and Mike Trost

The end of the school year is Tuesday, June 19 and the summer solstice quickly follows. School uniforms are exchanged for casual clothes and swimwear. The entire Board of Education would like to thank the staff and students of Pennsauken Public Schools for their hard work and dedication during another successful year. As for our eight graders and graduating high school seniors, we look forward to celebrating with you as you take your exciting next steps for the future.

As the school year ends, a new chapter for our District begins. The Board is excited to share updates on the work being done throughout each and every public school.

The projects that are part of the recently passed bond referendum have been bid out. Security vestibules for each Pennsauken Public School are being re-analyzed and measured in order to begin construction. Work on the high school's stadium and field house will begin this summer, with hopes of our game day home opener under the lights during our Thanksgiving game.

With the changes coming about as part of the referendum, the District has begun the redistricting process. Administration has started to send out letters to students in Longfellow and Roosevelt

As School Year Ends, New District Projects Begin, Continue

schools, as well as students entering the Intermediate School in the fourth grade and Phifer Middle School in sixth grade.

The District has begun the realignment of all high school curriculum in accordance with new vocational and academy programs that have been implemented 2017-18 school year. In addition, all curricula has been modified and approved for our vocational and academy programs.

There have been over 100 individual courses that have been taken as dual

credit courses at Camden County College of Rowan College at Burlington County. Over 300 college credits were earned by our students in dual credit courses during the 2017-18 school year.

Carpentry students worked with the Pennsauken Police Department building a K-9 training unit; cosmetology students showed new skills learned in class by working with the Pennsauken High School Theater through the application of makeup and hair styling; culinary arts students catered multiple events in the

school, cooked in Atlantic Cape's kitchen, and learned to prepare delicacies and dishes that have put smiles on the faces of the Pennsauken community.

The District's welding and electrical vocational shops are under construction and are slated to be completed in September of 2018, before the 2018-19 school year begins.

Additionally, all solar projects will be completed within a 30-day time frame.

As these and other projects progress, our Board will be more than happy to share them with you. In the meantime, we invite members of the community to come to our monthly meetings at Pennsauken High School to ask questions and get informed.



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Baldwin Students Visit Jake's Pace



Baldwin students visited Jake's Place, a playground in Cherry Hill, N.J. for all ages and abilities. Students really enjoyed their fun day at the park. They were able to climb, swing, slide and run!

"Rocking Rabbits" Take On Earth Day Challenge

In April, Ms. Ransone's "Rocking Rabbits" at Carson Elementary took on the Earth Day Challenge!

Armed with gloves and trash bags Ms. Ransone's first grade class cleaned up the front of the building, along with the side and window areas outside their

classroom.

Students learned how together, we can help do our part to care for our environment.

Ransone's "Rocking Rabbits" collected 1.2 pounds of debris and trash to help maintain our school environment!



Ms. Ransone's "Rocking Rabbits" collected trash at Carson Elementary as part of the Earth Day Challenge.

Longfellow Open House Brings Back Nostalgic Alumni



School alumni and members of the community browsed through memorabilia from Longfellow Elementary's almost 100-year history during last month's open house.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

On May 18, the Pennsauken School District and members of Longfellow staff held a special open house. After many long years of faithful service, the building is closing for good at the end of the school year.

Alumni and members of the community streamed into Longfellow's all purpose room, browsing through tables filled with memorabilia from the school's almost 100-year history. Guided tours of the school building brought many graduates back to their school days, although the hallways and rooms seemed much smaller to adult eyes.

"It's nice that we can all come back and see everything one more time," says Delores Watson (nee Hesser), who graduated from Longfellow in 1973 and brought her son, Tim, with her to stroll down memory lane. "The smells are all the same; going into the classrooms. It takes you right back."

"It's very nostalgic," added Janice Gloway, a Longfellow graduate from 1967.

She reminisced about eating lunch on the cafeteria bleachers, the joy of recess, and the sadness with the principal's announcement of the Kennedy Assassination. She also expressed appreciation for the time and effort put into the open house.

"I'm really glad they did this. There's memorabilia from every class and year on the tables. It's just very cool to see."

Robert Fisher-Hughes, a Longfellow graduate from 1973 and Pennsauken's resident historian, offered this reflection from the evening's happenings.

"I think all the visitors had the same mix of nostalgia and discovery, seeing the old school as adults now. It was bitter-sweet, and I think we all wondered why it had to take so long to revisit the school. This is something we should have been doing every ten years, not just now.

"I think the lesson is that the same thing applies in life and in preservation. The time to start appreciating things and people is now, not when they are going away. Preserving an important building or connecting with friends should be a priority right now, before it's too late."

District officials commented that they will absolutely be preserving items from the building. School officials are currently identifying what can and should be saved for future generations. A determination will also be made on what the general public will be able to take from Longfellow before demolition.

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Fine Recognizes Students Of The Month



Congratulations to our Fine School Students of the Month for April. These students are to be commended for displaying good sportsmanship. Pictured from left to right, back row, are Omar Khelifi, Magaly Popoca-Felix, Carly Ekonomou, Yomaira Velez, and Kesiah Graham. In the front row are Jesse Roberts, William Lane Jr., Anthony Walker, Gabriella Cosme, and Giovanni Quiles. Absent from the photo are Myles Hadley, Amir Abouharb, Lina Mai, Ciarelys Gonzalez-Bonilla, Ayden Branca, and Blake Morgan.

Delair School Holds Junior Flower Show

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Students at Delair Elementary participated in the Junior Flower Show, a free program sponsored by the Philadelphia Horticultural Society that fosters an awareness of horticulture and the natural environment among youth and encourages active participation in growing, gardening, and sustainable practices.

This year's theme was "Water Works." Students from kindergarten to fourth grade participated in a variety of related projects, from growing plants from seeds to creating art using natural materials. Members of the Philadelphia Horticultural Society came out to judge the exhibits. The "Best in Show" will be exhibited at next year's Philadelphia Flower Show and the young horticulturalist receives free tickets to the event!



Students at Delair Elementary participated in the Junior Flower Show, a free program sponsored by the Philadelphia Horticultural Society.

"It was an awesome opportunity for students to learn and we were able to connect it to our curriculum," says, Maura Pawlowski, a second grade teacher at "Delair. "It's very exciting for them to see their work. And when they see their ribbons, they'll be even more excited."

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By Rachael Shugars,
AAP Columnist

The Lizzyboat African Market is an unassuming structure along the Rt. 130 South corridor on Pennsauken. Owner and Pennsauken resident, Isaac Boateng, opened the market five years ago and has brought a true taste of Africa to our ever growing community via his marketplace.

Isaac moved from Ghana, Africa, 15

years ago, but still holds strong roots of his Asante tribe culture by bringing in shipments of some of the most popular home country delights.

His sister, Esta Eseal, even makes beautifully crafted, flavorful, flakey meat pies that anyone can purchase and bring home in heat-and-serve fashion for a quick lunch or dinner.

There are platters also available in the refrigerator, packed and ready to go with meats, rice, and other side additions like

boiled eggs and homemade stews. Isaac did let me know that anyone can call at (856) 665-8595 or e-mail at Saboat@comcast.net and request something more specific and made to order. They offer almost anything African and even Caribbean. They are also happy to provide catering for any special event and have pricing and dishes available upon request.

There are wonderful, fresh baked breads brought to the market every week from an African bakery up in New

York City. This includes everything from huge loaves of sliced and unsliced sandwich style breads to dinner rolls and, my personal favorite, a large, pull apart bread perfectly sturdy for dipping into a fresh made stew.

Upon my first and second visits to the market, I tried a plethora of fun, different things. Their peanut cake, similar to peanut brittle, is awesome and will only set you back one dollar. There's a much more sticky treat as well, made from caramel and coconut. I decided to cut little pieces off here and there and it ended up lasting me a week. The platter I got was enough for two people and only cost \$10. I got fried fish, chicken, stew, an egg, and lots of very flavorful rice. I'd definitely recommend the platter and find it to be a fun food option for even the timid food adventurers out there. You get authentic flavors without fear of the

unknown. The platters are plentiful and very good.

Isaac is also very helpful in explaining what everything is. That was incredibly helpful, since I had very little to zero experience with African cuisine. There are so many types of flours and oils used for different things; that's how you get such incredible flavors from each dish. The freezers that line the back wall of the market are constantly being stocked with lots of options, including oxtails, different cuts of beef, and even goat, which I think is incredibly tender and amazing in soups and stews. The meat pies are also very popular and there are spicy (Caribbean) and non-spicy (African) options available.

When you visit the market, don't be afraid to ask Isaac a few questions. If you see something and you're not sure how to prepare it, just buy it and give it a try. Have fun and enjoy your Food Adventures!

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Polling Locations For June 5 Primary Election

By Gene Padalino, Township of Pennsauken Clerk

The New Jersey Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, June 5. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Below is a list of polling loca-

tions for the upcoming election. Should residents have any questions, please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office at (856) 665-1000 x122 or x124.

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Faith Independent Bible Church	7651 Rogers Ave.	3 & 23
Lutheran Senior Residence	5610 Rt. #130	4 & 16
Municipal Court	2400 Bethel Ave.	5
Pennsauken Senior Towers	8001 Maple Ave.	6
Pennsauken Free Public Library	5605 N. Rt. 130	7
Homestead Youth Center	4771 Willow Ave.	8 & 10
St. Mathews United Methodist Church	1665 Derosse Ave.	9 & 14
Temple Lutheran Church	5600 North Route #130	11
Macaro's Catering	6225 Westfield Ave.	12
Masonic Lodge	6926 Park Ave.	13 & 18
Faith Worship Center	550 49th St.	15
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Pennsauken Lions Club Elects Officers For 2018-2019



The Pennsauken Lions Club recently voted on its 2018-2019 slate of officers. Ely Mateo, who has served as president these past two years and did a bang-up job, agreed to stay in that position. Matt Gaskill, owner of the Gaskill Brown Funeral Home, agreed to be first vice president. Bernie Kofoet, well known in Pennsauken for his multiple community activities, will serve as second vice president. Bill Megargle and Mary Anne McFarland will continue their duties as treasurer and secretary, respectively. John Neissner, owner of John's Landscaping, has agreed to join the board as membership chairman. Barry Hanson will continue in his roll of tail twister (morale officer) and Lions Club International Foundation coordinator.

Judy DiAmore and Sue Guggino, along with Hanson, Mateo and McFarland, will form the sight committee, with the goal of increasing the eye screening done within the schools of Pennsauken and Merchantville. Sharon Rush, owner of Macaro's Deli and Catering, and Joe DiAmore, owner of Steak 38, have agreed to serve on the finance committee to get more funding for various community projects, like the Lions' annual eye screenings. In addition, the Club welcomed Pennsauken resident Kristin Diaz as a member at the April 16 meeting.

The complete slate of officers and four new members has the Lions looking forward to the coming year.

The Pennsauken Lions held their an-

nual pancake breakfast in April and had a wonderful turnout. They would like to thank everyone who attended and the following businesses, people who supported the breakfast: Macaro's, Steak 38, Penn Queen Diner, Rt. 73 McDonalds, Cinnaminson Shoprite, Sysco Foods, Al Arcaini of Deluxe Bakery, Gaskill-Brown Funeral Home, Herrs Potato Chips, Jerry's Flowers, the Mateo family, Ed Pine from Tastykake, George Strassle from Thurman Meats, the McFarland family, and Bill Megargle.

The Club also held a successful Cigar night at Steak 38 Café. Attendees not only were treated to delicious Steak 38 appetizers, a buffet dinner, and dessert, but were given two premium cigars.

The money raised by the pancake breakfast and cigar night helps the Lions give scholarships to worthy high school students, two graduates of the middle school and St. Cecilia's School, and a summer camp scholarship to Boy Scout Troop 118. This year, besides these scholarships, the Lions helped a Pennsauken resident in need by buying her two tanks of oil to get her through the cold winter. They are also currently working on getting hearing aids for two residents and are looking into buying their own eye screening camera to help elementary school age children.

The Lions Club is open to anyone in the community who would like to be of service to Pennsauken. They can always use help with the eye screenings and other activities they have going throughout the year. If you are interested, con-

tact pennsaukenlionsclub@gmail.com or come to Macaro's Deli on the first and third Mondays of the month at 6:00 p.m. and meet the Club. The third Monday in June will be Youth Appreciation Night; we will be honoring the officers of the Leo Club and youth members of Troop 118, both sponsored by the Lions.

Flying Crust Pizza Coming To Park Avenue In Pennsauken



Garis Eddington, owner of Flying Crust Pizza, a Philly-based food truck, is opening a brick-and-mortar "to go" location at 7709 Park Ave. later this month. Flying Crust offers gourmet pizzas, over a dozen flavors of wings, gourmet burgers, Po' boy sandwiches, and salads. Be sure to look for Rachael Shugar's review in July's "Food Adventures."



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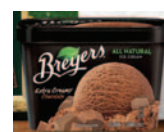


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MPWC WATERLINES

Edward F. Brennan Takes Oath As MPWC Commissioner

On May 10, Edward "Ted" Brennan took his oath of office to fill the unexpired term of G. Burton German, Jr., who passed away on April 20. Mr. Brennan currently holds the office of mayor of the Borough of Merchantville. Merchantville appoints two commissioners to the five-person board, while Pennsauken appoints three. It has been an ongoing tradition that positions that are appointed by the Borough are filled with seated mayors when vacated.

Mr. Brennan brings a strong background in public service and is an attorney for Remington and Vernick Engineers. His role there has assisted him with gaining a solid working knowledge of water utilities and civil engineering in general. At the May meeting, after taking his oath of office, Mr. Brennan commented, "It is an honor to be sitting in Mr. German's seat." He then thanked everyone for their support and spoke that he looked forward to working with everyone.



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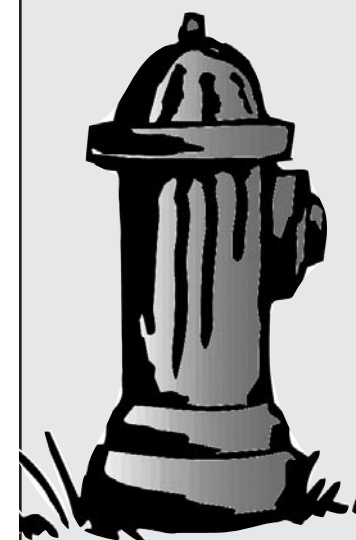
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Pennsauken Officers Recognized During National Police Week Awards

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on a rainy Tuesday evening. "We will recognize our Officer of the Year as per usual. Additionally, we'll recognize civilians and other first responders who help form the team that keeps Pennsauken safe."

Connor went on to address the officers about the ever changing landscape of law enforcement.

"Your profession is under pressure to evolve. There are video phones, YouTube, instant internet news cycles, dash cams, body cams, civilian review boards, endless opinions about our performance and second guessing, on and on. Each time there has been pressure for us to change, we've gotten stronger and better at our profession. We know that we work better under pressure and change is necessary to be effective police

in such a dynamic community. That's our duty and that's our responsibility."

2018 Police Award Recipients

The Richard Dawson Award for Meritorious Service annually honors officers that demonstrate exemplary performance of duty. The 2018 recipients are: Sgt. Charles Bevins, Det. Sgt. Phillip Olivo, Sgt. Peter Fabiani, Det. Brian Polaski, Ofc. Terrance Goshler, Ofc. William Hertline, Ofc. Richard Capone, Ofc. Michael Killion, Ofc. Michael Ciacia, Ofc. Michael Biazio, Ofc. Michael Delp, Ofc. Gavin Rossner, Ofc. Brian Evans, Ofc. Jesus Soto, Ofc. Craig Adair, Ofc. Louis Belsito, Ofc. Ryan Hurley, Ofc. Ryan Sexton, Ofc. Eric Kuppler, Ofc. Yvette Truitt, Ofc. Linnette Ramos, Ofc. Joseph Kuchmek, Ofc. Daxton Canales, Ofc. Raymond Sippel, Ofc. Tim-

othy Mireles; and Ofc. Ryan Madden.

The George Bowman Memorial Award for Dedication and Professionalism is given annually to the officer who best exemplifies the dedication to police service demonstrated by Officer Bowman; this year's recipient was Ofc. Linnette Ramos.

The Officer William Brey Award for Valor was presented to Ofc. Michael Biazio and Ofc. William Hertline.

Several citizens and first responders were recognized for their assistance in helping keep Pennsauken Township safer: Kelly Disanti, Christiana Vilardo, William Marcheski, Donald Nagy, Daniel Lovett, Adrian Newell, Pete Caruso, Joseph Magliari, and Gia Victorina-Medrino

The Chief's Award for Leadership is awarded annually to the officer who pro-

vides an outstanding example to his or her peers in overall performance and community service. This year's award was presented to Ofc. Ryan Sexton. Chief Coffey also presented a special award to Nick Dipaolo, for his life-saving assistance during a motor vehicle accident.

The last award of the night is the Police Officer of the Year Award, which is given to a Pennsauken Police officer whose performance and dedication to his or her profession and character serves as an example to their fellow officers and brings credit to the agency. Candidates for this award are submitted by police supervisors and then voted on by the Pennsauken Police rank and file. The

Police Officer of the Year for 2018 is Det. Matt Henkel.

Towards the end of the awards ceremony, Pennsauken Police Chief John Coffey took a moment to address those in attendance, to thank those who continue to support the police and to thank the officers for their commitment to keeping the Pennsauken community safe.

"I'd like to congratulate all of the officers who received awards tonight. I'd also like to recognize all of the other officers who aren't here tonight, but every day they go out to do their jobs and they do their jobs well. I'd also like to congratulate all of the officers who put this event together; they do a great job."

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- Library Board Meeting – Monday, June 25; 6:00 p.m. The governing body for the Pennsauken Library. Each month, members meet to review current issues, budget, policies and staffing. The community is encouraged to attend these meetings.
- Exclusive Dog Training – Saturday, June 23; 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Come and ask the expert, Carlos Miguel, a professional dog behaviorist and trainer, in the Library's Community Room! For more information, call (856) 665-5959.
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Taste Of Pennsauken/Merchantville Highlights Great Local Food Spots

By Rachael Shugars, AAP Columnist

I recently attended the Taste of Pennsauken/Merchantville event at the Pennsauken Country Club, sponsored by the Woman's Club of Merchantville's Evening Membership Department. The event featured a collection of some really great local food spots right in and around our town. Twelve businesses presented tables abound with some of their signature food favorites for the over 130 attendees to try.

Eileen Tootle, catering director for Chick-fil-a, along with a few other staff from the beloved chicken joint, laid out everything from popular lemonades to little chicken sandwich snacks, along with fruit and veggie salads. The 45th Street Pub sent their very popular chicken wings and a massive pot of their amazing potato soup with all the fixings. H&H Deli was well represented by the establishment's owners, the Dorofee Family. The Merchantville Sweet Shop had two entire coolers full of some super tasty water ice, with flavors like cotton candy and tutti frutti. The Station's owner, Nicole Eilend, was handing out fresh baked goods, including the store's perfectly sweet banana bread. A Montegrillo's staple, the penne with vodka sauce, did not disappoint. Macaro's had some great mac and cheese, as well as meatballs with penne and veggies. Janet Stevens from McFarlan's Market served up a classic beef rigatoni dish. Marco's Catering from the Country Club served mini grilled cheese sandwiches over a small cup of tomato soup, along with a number of artfully plated appetizers. Mama's Meatballs were slinging their popular meatballs for all to try. And La Cocina had a bunch of authentic Latin dishes available, including their rice and beans and pork.



Over 130 attendees enjoy great fare from local restaurants during the Taste of Pennsauken/Merchantville, sponsored by The Woman's Club of Merchantville's Evening Membership Department.

Nancy Miller, owner of Ms. Nancy's Place, along with chef Kanisha Clark, provided some insanely healthy food options that tasted fabulous! They had cornbread made without the use of sugar, salt, or butter but you'd never know it. They also offered a no sugar iced tea that would easily rival anything from Wawa. I even overheard a number of guests saying that her pineapple chicken was an event favorite.

The Merchantville Woman's Club's Evening Membership Department uses the money raised from this event to sponsor high school scholarships in honor of two of its deceased members: Sandy DeSimone and Mary Klimek. They also donate some of the proceeds to the Women's Clubs' state project. This year, it is going to prevent child abuse in New Jersey.

The Evening Membership Department came about in 1934 when women, due to work or family obligations, were not able to attend a meeting during the day. There are currently 83 members in the club.

For more information, contact Jan at janwh@aol.com or (609) 410-4650.

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Woman's Club's Sutton Placed On Honor Roll



Merchantville Woman's Club Evening Membership Chairman Peggy Sutton was placed on the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club Honor Roll at their annual convention last month. Also pictured is Jean Revis, president, and Jan Hanson, first vice president.

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Pennsauken Welcomes Cornforth As Newest Eagle Scout



Christian Cornforth, seen here with his parents, Rich and Heather, is Pennsauken's newest Eagle Scout.

By Mary Anne McFarland

Seventeen-year-old Christian Cornforth received his Eagle Badge at his Court of Honor on April 21. Christian, a junior at Paul VI High School, has been in the Scouting program since the age of 6, starting as a Tiger Cub with Cub Scout Pack 116. He went through the ranks and earned the Arrow of Light, the highest honor a Cub Scout can reach, and then crossed over into Boy Scout Troop 118 in fifth grade, beginning the trail to Eagle.

To earn Eagle, a Scout must earn 21 merit badges, 13 of which are specifically required. The remaining can be any one of the more than 122 badges which cover all interests – from American business to woodworking. People have found life-long professions after earning a merit badge in Scouting. The most famous example is director Steven Spielberg, who acknowledges his passion for movie making came from his earning his photography merit badge as an 11-year-old Scout; he also earned the Eagle rank.

As a Life Scout, the rank before Eagle, a Scout must show leadership by organizing and managing a service project. Christian's project was to build a storage closet at the East Pennsauken Volunteer Fire Association's Fire Station 1. The closet is located within the coat-

room on the first floor of the building. The benefit to the fire company was it provided a dry, secure, and concealed location to store supplies and equipment. The scope of the project involved constructing a partition wall with a door to subdivide the coatroom. The entire coatroom was then painted; lighting upgraded to energy efficient LED fixtures; and shelving erected in the storage area.

Chris had to demonstrate project management skills. He presented the project proposal to the fire company executive board, prepared detailed plans for permits and construction, prepared a materials list, acquired funding for the materials, and solicited volunteers to construct the room, scheduling the various work tasks and supervising construction.

After Christian's proposal was accepted by the fire company, he procured the materials at a deep discount from Lowe's and raised the funds to purchase the materials. He had volunteers from Boy Scout leadership, fellow Boy Scouts, firefighters, and family. The project was completed as planned and finished under budget, and the fire company was very pleased with the outcome, as was Mayor Jack Killion, who presented Christian a proclamation from the Township at the Court of Honor, thanking him for providing this room for the fire station.

Besides his activities with Scouting, he earned his black belt in tae kwon do in 2014; joined the Pennsauken Fire Department's explorer program in 2016; and has played PYAA soccer and baseball, football for PYAA and Paul VI, and Paul VI varsity volleyball. During the summer, Christian works as a seasonal grounds keeper at Cape May KOA Campground. He also plans to attend college to pursue a career as a firefighter.

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GOING GREEN Keeping Yourself – And Your Plants – Hydrated During Summer Days

By Kathleen Harvey, AAP Columnist

Spring is almost over and summer will be here before you know it. Planting is done for the season; don't try to plant or transplant trees or shrubs during the summer months, as the heat is too stressful for plants that haven't had time to become accustomed to our yards.

Some folks revel in hot summer sun, basking themselves in the hot rays. However, summer heat is often very uncomfortable if you're anywhere but at the

beach or poolside. I don't tolerate heat well, and was reminded of that recently when I was walking in a large, open, public space with the sun beating down on me. My face flushed, I became light-headed, and almost passed out.

It's important to drink plenty of water when outside, so you don't become dehydrated and at risk for heat stroke. If you stop sweating, you are close to heat stroke. Stop what you are doing and get into a cool, shaded space and drink water. If outside work must be done,

wear a brimmed hat and sun screen. When it's really hot, soak a hand towel in cold water or fill it with ice and drape it around your neck; it will help keep you cool. Also, remember to check on elderly family and friends, especially those without air conditioners. As we age, our bodies lose the ability to efficiently regulate our body temperature, so we need to be extra careful to keep our body temperature where it belongs. For houses without air conditioners, keep windows open. Closed windows and running fans in the heat create conditions much like convection ovens; your house can literally cook you if it's too hot.

Plants also need to stay hydrated too,

as they depend on a continuous supply of water pumping from roots to leaves. Don't forget in these days of summer heat that plants need extra water to prevent them from wilting. Plants, like people, sweat to help them stay cool. With plants, it's referred to as transpiration. So if you're hot, sweaty, and thirsty, chances are your plants are too! Plants that only receive water when they are wilted will undergo stress and may die if they were planted less than a year ago. New plantings haven't had a chance to develop extensive root systems that sustain them through times of excess heat and drought. Annuals, vegetables, and container gardens will need daily watering

when temperatures reach 85 degrees during the day; and many will require water more than once per day. Plants can best absorb water and nutrients early in the morning before you leave for work, or late in the afternoon when returning home. Watering during the hottest parts of the day will likely result in more water evaporating into the air than benefiting your plants, and wastes water. So if you want to continue to enjoy your garden oasis, remember to drink plenty of water, and water your plants as well!

Be kind to yourself and your plants to continue years of enjoyment. Now fire up that barbecue, invite family, and celebrate Father's Day in your garden!



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High School Military Enlistees Honored At Ceremony

A formal ceremony to honor military-bound high school seniors from Camden County took place at the Mansion in Voorhees on May 15. These seniors represent just one-percent of all high school graduates nationwide.

The program was made possible because of the efforts of an all-volunteer non-profit organization Our Community Salutes (OCS). Approximately 400 people attended the event, including the families of the enlistees, local celebrities, elected officials, area college presidents and school administrators, high school counselors, representatives from all

Camden County veteran's organizations, and high ranking military officers from all five branches.

"We are seeing a record number of graduating seniors going into the military this year from traditionally college-prep high schools, including nine seniors from Cherry Hill Public Schools" states Dr. Kenneth Hartman, founder of Our Community Salutes. "The cost of college may have hit a tipping point for many students and their families, resulting in more seniors looking at the military educational benefits as an alternative to taking on heavy student loan debt," according to Hartman.

"These young men and women may be going off to war and need our praise, guidance and support," added Hartman. "According to Pentagon estimates, less than 25 percent of Americans today are eligible for military service."

Several seniors from Pennsauken were honored during the event, including



Several Pennsauken high school seniors preparing to serve in the Armed Forces were among over 50 young people from Camden County recognized in a special ceremony last month. Pictured here are Marvin Sewell, Brian Romero-Granaden, Angel Burgos, and Remy Martinez.

Remy Martinez, Jeserica Santos, and Marvin Sewell, Pennsauken High School, and Brian Romero-Granaden, Camden County Technical Schools, GTC, United States Marine Corps; and Angel Burgos, Camden County Technical Schools, PC, and Jose Sanchez, Pennsauken High School, New Jersey Army National Guard.

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gives dozens of hugs and kisses. She is warm-hearted and caring."

Junell also wrote about her mother's cooking ability.

"My mom is not a good baker, but she is an amazing cook. I can smell her food from miles away. Her shrimp pasta is the best, because she always adds a special ingredient, which I can't tell you."

Lauren Nguyen wrote about her "brave, big brother" in her winning essay.

"I chose my brother, Dennis, to write about because he serves in the U.S. Air Force, and I'm happy that he did this to follow his dream. [He's] our hero.

"Whenever he sees me crying, he would always make me laugh and feel

better. It's like I don't even remember what I was crying for."

Several students received honorable mention as part of the very difficult selection process. Clayton Thomas wrote about his grandpa, Moliere, who does the "funniest Pee Wee Herman impersonation." He also "does a lot of things for me and my family."

Sydney McCurry nominated her mom, Beverly, "because we always have girl time when my brother and dad are gone" and she reminds her to do her very best every day.

Hoa Son wrote about her dad, Thanh, an extremely hard worker who takes care of his family. "My dad is the best dad in my opinion. I love my dad and he

means the world to me."

Rachel Biehl not only wrote about her mother, Hsiao Ping, she also drew her picture as a "Super Mom."

"My mom helps me and my sister do homework, helps us when we're hurt, and helps us when we're sick. Go Super Mom!"

The Pennsauken Youth Action Committee thanks all those students who participated in this year's contest, the teachers and family members who encouraged them to write about their parents and relatives, as well as those caring and dedicated men and women throughout Pennsauken who inspire the children in this community.

Second Pennsauken Family Fun Fair On June 3



The Pennsauken School District will be hosting its second annual year-end family fun fair on Sunday, June 3, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00

p.m. at its Park Avenue Campus.

"As the school year comes to a close,

this event is a great way to celebrate all the accomplishments of our students," says Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, superintendent, Pennsauken School District. "We've got a lot of fun activities planned for the fun fair and hope to see many of our families there."

For just \$5, children can receive a wrist band that gives them access to bounce

houses, obstacle courses, mini golf, mobile arcade games, face painting, and more for the length of the event. Attendees will also be able to purchase items from a variety of vendors and can buy tasty offerings from various food trucks.

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By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,
Department of Public Works

June 23 will mark the three-year anniversary from the short but expansive storm our region sustained damage from. You may recall that day when massive winds came through for about 20 minutes, leaving its impact on a majority of our town, causing trees to fall into streets and buildings, ripping electrical service cables off of homes, and creating tons – and I mean tons – of tree debris. The Pennsauken Office of Emergency Management submitted documentation

Seasonal Storms, Move Outs, And Tree Trimming Issues

of Public Works equipment, disposal costs, and overtime records, along with other Township departments, to FEMA for reimbursement of the unplanned expenses. The Township recovered documented expenses totaling over \$100,000.

It is easy to lose patience in the weeks following a destructive storm, as our department's responsibility to maintain athletic fields and parks remains at peak season in the spring and summer months. Manpower also drops occasionally, with our staff taking much-needed vacations with their families during this time.

I think it would be appropriate to offer some helpful tips that will benefit both

the Department of Public Works and you, our neighbor. As most of you know, each Wednesday of the year, except for our "trash holidays," Waste Management is contracted to drive down each street in town and collect yard debris. Typically, this debris consists of bagged leaves, grass clippings, tree branches, and shrubs that are bundled into 4-foot lengths and weigh less than 50 pounds. For tree limbs and large branches, if these are placed at your curb and stacked like firewood, your call to Public Works at (856) 663-0178 will dispatch a front-end loader when one is available. When you call, simply request a "wood pickup." We typically perform this pickup on a bi-weekly basis, depending on the demand. You can week as you would like, provided it is

placed at the curb properly. Waste Management WILL NOT take any yard debris that is placed inside the yellow recycling container. They will leave it at your curb and you will have to put it out the following week. If you are unsure of how to achieve a proper curbside placement, give us a call BEFORE putting it out, and we will walk you through your particular situation.

Following any similar storm with widespread impact, it is the desire of the Department of Public Works to provide relief to our residents to speed-up the clean-up efforts. Although it is not the responsibility of the Township to remove storm debris, we do believe that every little bit helps. We highly encourage those of you able to bundle storm debris as

mentioned previously for normal pickup by Waste Management. They still run their trucks each Wednesday and the amount they pick-up does not cost the Township any more than it normally would. Public Works' priorities fall with public safety first. That includes the clearing of streets for emergency vehicles, the closure of streets due to downed electrical cabling or unsafe tree branches hanging out-of-sight, and clearing Township property, such as playgrounds and athletic fields.

Dealing With Move Outs

On a weekly basis, our sanitation inspector finds what we call a "move out." This is when a majority of a home's contents is dropped at the curb, and the house is left – either for resale or abandoned. Not only is this a terrible eyesore for the remaining neighbors, it is a citation-worthy violation. It is the property owner's responsibility to properly dispose of all unwanted household items. Our office is a one-stop shop for planning your disposal in advance. We can point you towards the multiple household hazardous waste drop-off events for that old collection of stains and oil-based paints and fluorescent light tubes, in addition to much more. When discovered, we drop a warning packet, including our current, easy-to-

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read “trash packet,” that describes how to get rid of pretty much anything. If you’d like one e-mailed to you, just contact our office or stop by and pick one up. If the property owner does not respond by conforming to the proper procedures within a week, a citation will be issued. In bank-foreclosed cases, the Township provides notice to the bank for clean-up. After any and all notification timelines are expired; Public Works will do a “clean-and-lien” on the property, docu-

menting all manpower, equipment and disposal costs and applying a lien on the property.

Tree Trimming Issues

This time each year, residents report that their tree trimming contractor did not finish the job. Whether it was not cleaning up, removing debris, or simply not completing the task they were hired for, we urge residents to “pay upon completion,” and ensure that the debris is removed altogether or placed properly at

the curb for Waste Management or firewood stacked for Public Works pickup. Please note that a pile of debris left by a contractor on the curb is the homeowner’s responsibility. This is a buyer-be-aware situation. Very few tree contractors go door-to-door and blitz a neighborhood for quick and cheap cash jobs. Make sure you get references and check for the contractor’s liability insurance. If you are offered a deal that seems “too good to be true,” it typically is.

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courage you to use our various playgrounds throughout town, our boat ramp for those enthusiasts, and to enjoy the summer weather. As always, if you

have any questions, please reach out to our office at (856) 663-0178 or e-mail publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

Ground Breaking Ceremony At PHS Football Stadium

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throughout the Township, allocating almost \$36 million for various initiatives. These projects will impact every part of the District, including new security vestibules at all schools; capital improvement to elementary schools with new windows and doors; the establishment of all-day pre-school; the demolition of an aging Longfellow Elementary and the erection of a comprehensive community park and playground in the school’s old footprint; the addition of three new science labs and six additional classrooms at Phifer Middle School; the transforma-

tion of Roosevelt Elementary into a high-tech magnet high school, with the addition of a brand new gymnasium; and extensive renovations at Pennsauken High School, with improvement being made to the auditorium, library, locker rooms, and gymnasium; and construction of a plumbing lab. Benefiting the student-athlete, plans call for the building of a brand new, state-of-the-art field house, new tennis courts, and an all purpose turf field, lights, and an eight-lane track.

District officials stated that the majority of the referendum’s projects will be

started at the same time, with priorities given to outdoor projects – to take advantage of the warmer weather to speed construction – as well as work for the high tech magnet high school and the security vestibules. As for the financial impact of the referendum on the school portion of Pennsauken residents’ property taxes, that won’t be seen until after March of 2019. The old bond that is currently expiring officially comes off the District books the month prior.

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FRIENDS of the LIBRARY AARP Driver Safety Course At Library Moved To June 6-7

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

We've had to make a change in some June event dates, so please take note, especially if you had planned to enroll in the AARP "Driver Safety" two-day course we're offering this month.

Instead of the original dates of June 5 and 6, the course will NOW be Wednesday, June 6, and Thursday, June 7, so as to not conflict with this month's primary election, as the Library serves as a polling place.

The times for the course remain the same: 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. each day. Be sure to register at the Circulation Desk beforehand, since class size is limited. Also, be ready to show your AARP membership card to take advantage of the discounted price of \$15 for AARP members. Non-members will pay \$20. The fee may be paid at the Circulation Desk or at the door the first day of class. You'll want to check with your insurance company to see if taking the course gets

you a reduced rate on your car insurance, in addition to teaching you skills to help make you a safer driver.

Munch And A Movie On June 19

Our next monthly Munch and a Movie screening comes up on Tuesday, June 19, beginning at 12:30 p.m., in the Community Room. Bring your own lunch and we'll supply the rest: snacks, beverages, and the movie. This will be our last get-together until the fall, so you won't want to miss it! Call ahead to learn what flick we'll be featuring, or wait and be surprised!

Poetry Contest Winners

Our poetry contest winners got to read their creations at the annual awards night last month and currently have their poems on display in the Library lobby. In all, our 15 winners came from a varied group: five from Carson Elementary School; one from Ben Franklin Elementary School; two from Howard M. Pfifer

Middle School; two from the Pennsauken Intermediate School; two from Pennsauken High School; two home-schooled students; and one adult.

This year's winners were Tovia Bibelheimer, with "Flowers;" Frankie Henderson, with "Love;" Bella Sanchez, with "Red;" Giana Nesmith, with "Summer;" Adrianna Corrado, with "What is Red?;" Jabari Sonnebeyatta, with "Vicious Eaters;" Maggie Bibelheimer, with "Easter Candy;" Christopher Allen, with "Math;" Dyannalee Molina, with "Not Saying;" Angeli Alvarado, with "Why does it have to be me?;" Stephanie Nguyen, with "Hope;" Denise Palmero, with "Jonathan C.;" Kayla Darby, with "Out of the Darkness and into the Light;" Dairon Estevaz, with "Sparks;" and John Hoenig, with "Amputation of the Heart."

Congratulations to all of these creative folks! We're already looking forward to next year's competition.

Summertime Programs

With the summer fast approaching, the Friends are proud to be providing financial support for the Library's summer reading program and activities as well as the popular Museum Pass program. Check the Library's listings of

events in All Around Pennsauken or on the Library's website, PennsaukenLibrary.org, for more information.

Our last Friends of the Pennsauken Free Library monthly meeting until the fall takes place on Wednesday, June 13, 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room.

Reporting Potholes Throughout Pennsauken

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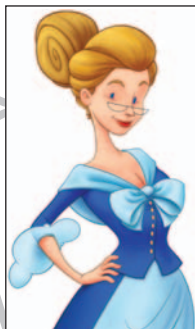
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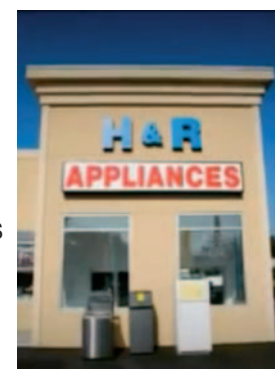
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“First Sunday” Events At Pennsauken’s Historic Homes Continue In June And July

By Robert Fisher-Hughes, AAP Columnist and Amateur Historian

On Sunday, June 3, the very fabric of our nation will be celebrated at both Griffith Morgan House and Burrough-Dover House in very different ways!

That day, Griffith Morgan House opens a temporary exhibit and program on the domestic arts of the needle, thread, and fabric called, “Women’s Art: Using the Needle to Bring Beauty and Utility to the Home.” An exhibit of the range of beautiful, functional, and historic textile work as performed by the women who occupied Griffith Morgan House, Burrough-Dover House and the many other homes of earlier eras, the displays include quilts, samplers, needlepoint, weaving, and embroidery. Docents in period dress, also exemplifying the needle arts, will describe the work and the range of useful creativity embodied in these domestic crafts. The exhibit will remain on display also through the Griffith Morgan House’s “First Sunday” event on July 1.

Tours of the historic home, refresh-

ments, and admission are free. Donations will always be gratefully accepted to support our local history.

The most symbolic and therefore sacred of our national fabric will be celebrated at Burrough-Dover House on Sunday, June 3, as the Pennsauken Historical Society hosts its traditional Flag Day Commemoration with a display of flags illustrating the history and growth of the United States from its beginnings to the present day. The collection of flags swaying in the breeze and the historic home and grounds for a background make for a wonderful day for a picnic, to tour the house and museum, observe the Nature Trail beside Pennsauken Creek, and generally enjoy a rare afternoon in June. Light refreshments will be available and admission and tours are free.

Both Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House will be open for these historical community events from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; and remember, both houses are open Sunday, June 3, and Sunday, July 1, so step back in time for a moment in your own Township.

At both these historic houses in Pennsauken, there is plenty of free parking too! Memberships and volunteer opportunities are available and donations are always welcome to help Pennsauken Historical Society sustain its own mission in our community.

Burrough-Dover House is located at 9201 Burrough-Dover Lane, off Had-donfield Rd. near the Wyndam Rd. traffic light. Griffith Morgan House is located at 243 Griffith Morgan Lane, off River Rd. between Delair and Rt. 73.

Visit the Griffith Morgan House or Pennsauken Historical Society pages or the group “Pennsauken History Forum” on Facebook for more details and directions, or e-mail to pennsauken-historicalsociety@gmail.com.



Volunteer Firefighters Needed In Pennsauken

Experienced and non-experienced volunteers are encouraged to apply to become a member of the Pennsauken Fire Department. Volunteering is open to residents and non-res-

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Last month, Pennsauken Firefighters helped a mama duck retrieve her ducklings in the 7300 block of Route 130 North and removed an adventurous Yorkie that found herself in a void space under a deck, adjacent to the house foundation in the 2200 block of Corbett Rd. Photo credit: Pennsauken Fire Department, Facebook.

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Signs Of Business Growth: Regulations On Commercial Signage In Pennsauken

For any business, signage is extremely important. Signs are advertising, branding and promotion, all wrapped into one. The right sign lets people know where

you are and what you do.

However, there are some cases where a business may go a little... "overboard" when it comes to signage. That's why Pennsauken Township has a sign ordinance for commercial properties.

Here are the basics:

Business signs are defined as "a sign which directs attention to a business or commodity for sale, or a profession, service or entertainment rendered or offered upon the premises where such sign is located."

For properties in a C-1 commercial district, two business signs at a maximum are allowed. For those in a C-2 commercial district, up to four business signs are allowed. Temporary window signs highlighting sales, business hours, etc. don't apply, as long as these interior window

signs do not cover more than 10 percent of any single window and are not permanently affixed to the windows.

For a shopping center, one additional ground sign is allowed for the entire group of establishments; it's the large sign that highlights all of the businesses in the center. This large sign cannot be more than 50 square feet in area and not higher than 10 feet above the tallest height allowed in the particular commercial district.

All permitted signs for commercial properties have a maximum size of two square feet for every one lineal foot of building frontage; so if a building has a frontage of 20 feet, the maximum size of the sign is 40 square feet. Business signs are permitted on a building wall. They're allowed on the roof too, as long as the

sign extends no more than four feet higher than the height of the building.

"For sale" and "for rent" signs for a business can be as large as 12 square feet for each street frontage. Generally, this means just one sign, but if the commercial property is on a corner, then two signs are allowed.

Whenever a commercial sign becomes dilapidated or structurally unsafe, or it endangers the safety of the public, a building, or premises, the town's construction official will provide a written notice to the owner of the sign, or the owner of the premises where the sign is located, so that it can be fixed or removed. The responsible party has a period of 10 days from the receipt of this written notice to resolve the problem.

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Collins Tract: Embracing A History Of Growth To Eliminate Vacant Properties

By Tracey Howarth,
Pennsauken Township

We recently shared some interesting facts and history about the Delaware Gardens section of town. While writing that article, a very important person told me that people wanted to know about the other sections of town as well and that I should do an article on each. So of course I asked what area I should do next. Collins Tract was the resounding answer.

Collins Tract is named after John S. Collins, a promoter who built a number of homes west of Centre St. and north of Cedar Ave. He was a prominent Moorestown resident, born on a farm to his parents, Isaac and Sarah Collins, who descended from early farmer Quakers of New Jersey.

His childhood farmhouse was located on what is now known as Pleasant Valley Ave. He was described as "farm born, farm raised, and farm developed," which would explain why the large interest throughout his life was in fruit growing and horticulture.

Collins Tract grew from the expansion of Merchantville beyond its Rogers Ave. boundary. Collins sold many lots, as did neighboring land owners, and the section grew rapidly. The eastern side of Collins Tract came with the Delaware River Bridge and its boom.

In 1894, the Board of Education named Collins Tract School, "School Number 6." It was a two-room school house with two teachers. It is recorded that in 1895, Collins Tract had 102 students. So large was the student population that an expansion was needed. That expansion was built in 1905 and represents one half of the present brick building. The building also provided quarters for the township government, which then needed little room except for committee meetings. Although this was the very latest in school building design, it had no indoor plumbing. The school was closed in 1984 and has since been repurposed and renovated into condominiums and townhouses.

There are many great things to share about Collins Tract, partly because of many interesting and/or prominent personalities associated with the community, such as Horace Githens, New Jersey state treasurer; his daughter, Dorothy, a noted operatic soprano; John Inglesby, World War I veteran, coroner, and founder of the Inglesby & Sons Funeral Home; Edward Roecker, noted tenor; Steward Holman, founding partner of Rice & Holman; and many more.

So what's happening today? In 2016, we started the vacant property initiative; in our Collins Tract area, we had 56 vacant properties. That is six percent of the

total homes in Collins Tract.

There was some resistance from investors to buy those properties for the simple reason that many of those homes are older and more expensive to rehabilitate. However, when we talked to the South Jersey Real Estate Investor Association, we discussed a lot of the history and charm that Collins Tract brings to Pennsauken; done correctly, the property value of a newly renovated home in Collins Tract could bring a nice profit to the investor.

The investors agreed and began buying and renovating. Today we have 19 remaining vacant properties. That being said, there may be properties that are vacant in appearance. However, some of those properties have been sold to investors or contractors with the intention to renovate and sell.

To date, a total of 725 identified vacant properties have been sold. We have made a lot of progress in reducing the blight caused by the vacant properties, thanks to all the focus and dedication of every department in the Township and their commitment to making our town the best place to live.

I've learned a lot about our town by doing these articles. It's always interesting to see where it all started and how it has developed and grown over time. Many great names have come out of

Pennsauken, whether it is in sports, industry, agriculture, or many other fields. Each of these folks has made a contribution to their profession; and to think it all began here in our own home town!

As always, thank you to all the concerned citizens for all your calls and infor-

mation regarding the vacant properties in town. Please continue to share what you see either by phone or by e-mail.

A special thank you to local historian and AAP columnist Robert Fisher-Hughes, for his contribution of historical data for this article.

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Process To Find Vendor For Residential Energy Aggregation Begins

Concord Energy Services, the energy consultant for Pennsauken Township, has begun the process to identify a vendor for a new energy aggregation program, which will help save Pennsauken residents money on their monthly electric bills.

Potential vendors will participate in an online auction, facilitated by Concord Energy Services. Interested vendors are

currently submitting bid documents for qualification. Once vendors are qualified, a second submission through an online bidding platform will be required to identify energy pricing proposals.

"We're excited to be moving forward in the process to start up a new energy aggregation program," says Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion. "Through the last program, Pennsauken residents saved a

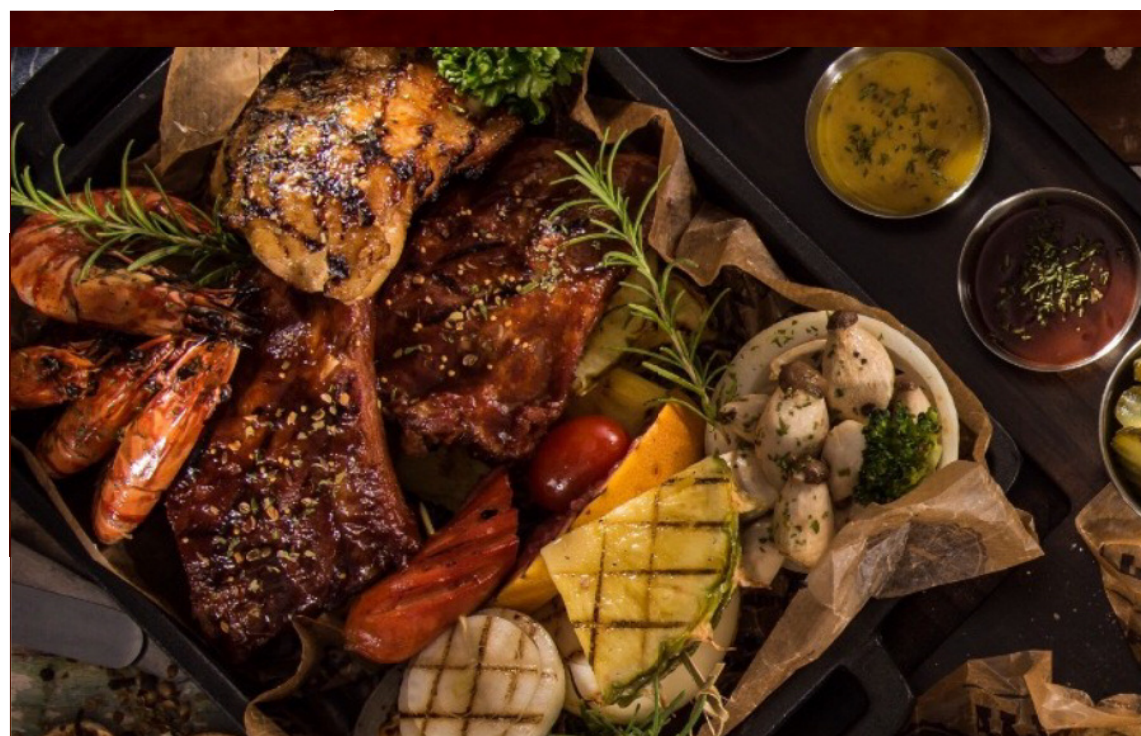
decent amount of money on their energy bill. The Township Committee thanks Concord Energy Services for their assistance in helping to make that possible again."

More information about any upcoming residential energy aggregation programs will be provided on the Township's website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us, as it becomes available.

Celebrating Summer, Regardless Of The Weather



Rainy weather didn't stop residents from having a great time during Pennsauken's first Summer Kickoff Bash! Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation thanks The Verdict, Frontiers, and all of the food trucks that participated.



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Congratulations to Pennsauken High School Girls Soccer Coach and PHS alum Mark Klimek on being inducted to the South Jersey Soccer Hall of Fame! Thank you for all of your hard work and all you continue to do to inspire our students on a daily basis! Photo credit: Pennsauken Athletics, Facebook.

PHS Alum Briana Roberts Performs Big At Championships



Congratulations to 2016 grad Briana Roberts for a spectacular performance at the America East Championships: first place in the 4 x 800m that ran 9:02 and seventh overall in the 800m, running 2:13.11 in the prelims and 2:16 in the final! Photo credit: Pennsauken Girls TFXC, LaMar Roberts, Facebook.



PHS Football Team Unveils Alternate Jerseys

Alternate jerseys for the Pennsauken High School Football Indians came in Last month! Photo credit: Pennsauken High School Football, Facebook.

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PYAA SPORTS

Registration Open For PYAA Football And Cheerleading

Those interested in registering their children ages 5-14 for PYAA football or cheerleading can do so now through Aug. 15.

In-person sign ups are held Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to noon at 4250 Burwood Ave., Pennsauken. The cost of registration is \$175 for new football players; \$175 for returning players without a jersey; and \$150 for returning players that have their jersey from the 2017 season (the jersey must be brought at the time of registering). The cost for cheerleading is \$125.

Late registration runs Aug. 16-31 with an additional \$25 fee.

For more information, contact Coach Tasha for cheer at (856) 906-0368; or Coach Dave for football at (215) 588-1778.

Thank You To White's Plumbing From Parks And Rec, PYAA

Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation and PYAA would like to recognize Everett White of White's Plumbing, who volunteered his services to make needed repairs at two PYAA snack stands. Thank you for your help! We greatly appreciate it!

Junior Fightin' Irish Hold Football And Cheer Registration

The Junior Fightin' Irish are hold football and cheer registration throughout the months of June and July.

Registration is held on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and Sundays from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the soccer fields located at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex, Bethel and Westfield avenues. There is also online registration available at <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/JrFightinIrish>.

Football registration is for children ages 4 to 14 and there is no weight requirement. There is a \$170 fee. Cheerleading registration is also for children ages 4 to 14. The fee is \$75.



For questions and additional information, e-mail JrFightinIrish@gmail.com.

Veterans PTSD Awareness Walk Held On June 2

American Legion F.W. Grigg Post 68 is sponsoring a PTSD Awareness Walk on Saturday, June 2. The public is invited to join local veterans as they walk the Merchantville Bike Path to bring awareness to this epidemic.

Nationally, communities everywhere are losing 22 veterans a day to suicide. Let the healing and understanding begin through the neighborhood walk.

The walk is held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Participants will meet in the parking lot across from the Merchantville Firehouse, 22 E. Park Ave., next to Eclipse Brewery. The event is free, no registration required. Donations are gratefully accepted.

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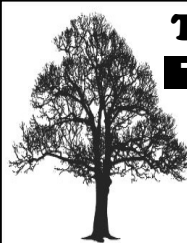
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